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ANTI-FOREIGNISM.

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING.

CHURCHES SET ON FIRE.

Hankow, Jan. 1. Catholic priests arriving at Hankow from various outlying stations in the Province, relate a number of anti-foreign and anti-Christian incidents.

At the Catholic Mission at Yangshihshan, a mob attacked the priests and drove them from the church, which was set on fire. The entire contents were destroyed.

One priest removed his beard and escaped with the help of a Chinese priest who held back a mob of about 500.

At Kungchowfu, near Shasi, a Catholic mission was looted and everything destroyed. Even the priests' clothes were stolen.

The position at Huangchowfu, near Shashi, is most dangerous. The contents of the church and some houses at Husseph were also set on fire.

All the priests and nuns in outlying districts have been ordered to Hankow, by the Bishop.

All the Sisters have evacuated the Convent at Shihshihai, just outside the Japanese Concession at Hankow, owing to interference from the soldiers.

A Mission of Chinese priests at Yangshihshan, in the Wuchang district, has been totally destroyed.

CHUNGKING CONCESSION ISOLATED.

Kiukiang, Jan. 1. The Concession here is picketed by soldiers, who are not allowing anybody to enter or to leave.

S.M.S. Wyvern is standing by and will supply the Concessions with light, if necessary.—*Reuter*.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

Shanghai, Jan. 1. There is a serious situation at Kiukiang where an anti-foreign strike has been declared and reports are being made to starve the foreigners living in the concession into giving up their way. Supplies, however, are being sent from Hankow, and six foreign gunboats are here.—*Reuter*.

HANKOW TAXES.

Hankow, Dec. 31. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs notified the Consuls yesterday that effective on January 1, 25 per cent. of ordinary goods and 15 per cent. on luxuries will be levied on all goods entering the port.

The tax is to be paid to the customs houses of the native customs and the bureaux which will shortly be opening for their collection.—*Reuter*.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE.

London, Dec. 31. The Italian Government has replied to the British Memorandum on China.

It is understood that the Italian Government expresses willingness to acquiesce in the British proposals provided unanimity is achieved among the other Powers concerned.—*Reuter*.

FRANCE AND JAPAN AGREE.

London, Jan. 1. Although the Japanese Government has not yet presented a Note to London on the subject of the French Memorandum with regard to China, perfect harmony between France and Japan seems to be established in this respect, it is claimed.

Paris, where M. Briand and M. Tani have twice met to discuss the matter.—*Reuter*.

Revenue Officers have found a quantity of arms and ammunition hidden on the No. 4 wharf at Kowloon, comprising seven revolvers and pistols, a large quantity of ammunition, 2,000 primers, 100 ammunition clips and a tin of gunpowder, all of German origin. The arms were removed to the police station.

BIAS BAY PIRATES AGAIN.

TWO HONGKONG-BOUND JUNKS HELD UP.

ONE CARRIED AWAY.

Pirates from Bias Bay swooped upon two Hongkong-bound trading junks on New Year's Eve and made off with one of them, according to a police report issued this morning.

First news of the affair was brought here by the junk which managed to escape. It was stated that the two craft were sailing in company when the one in the rear was overtaken by what was first assumed to be a fishing junk, but later proved to be a pirate boat.

From this latter, four men boarded the fishing junk and sailed off with it in a direction opposite to that which was first taken.

The second junk proceeded on its trip back to Hongkong and arrived here during the week-end. The master then made a report to the police, stating that in all likelihood, the other junk, which was owned by a colony had been taken to Bias Bay, as the piracy was carried out near Single Island, off Shantung.

What actually transpired on the pirated junk has since been disclosed with the return here of members of its crew. The master stated that pirates boarded and took control of their junk, and after the crew had been kept below for several hours they were allowed to return on deck, eventually being released, and put ashore at Tai A Chai, which is one of the group of Soko Islands. The junk was then taken away in the direction of Macao.

Both trading junks were bringing cargoes of turnips from Pinghoi for the Hongkong markets. The value of the captured junk and her cargo is \$1,275.

FRENCH POLICY.

PRaised BY PAPAL NUNCIO.

Paris, Jan. 1.

The Papal Nuncio, speaking at a reception to the Diplomatic Corps given by President Doumergue, emphasized the affection and sympathy with which foreign governments observe France's efforts towards the nation's pacification.

He stated that they were convinced that France would carry on the work according to her traditions of gentleness and goodness. Those traditions, he said, had evoked unforgettable words from M. Briand, who, in the Assembly of the League of Nations, had expressed the nation's aspiration after rapprochement and spiritual fraternity. He concluded by assuring France of the active and loyal co-operation of foreign governments, especially the Vatican.—*Havas*.

H.M.S. "EMERALD."

ARRIVAL IN PORT.

H.M.S. Emerald, of the 4th Cruiser Squadron, East Indies station, arrived in Hongkong on Saturday evening, in accordance with Admiralty instructions recently issued.

She is a 7,550 tons cruiser of the same class as H.M.S. Enterprise, carrying seven 6-inch guns, three 4-inch, and four 3-pounders. Captain H. T. England heads her list of officers while her commander is Commander A. Matland-Douglass.

H.M.S. Enterprise, a sister ship which recently arrived here, is now in Shanghai.

OTHER HONOURS.

The Honours List also includes the following:

Knight Grand Cross, Military Division, of the Order of the Bath—General Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India—The Maharaja of Rewa.

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HONOURS LIST.

THE NEW YEAR'S AWARDS.

MR. LAMPSON KNIGHTED.

Rugby, Dec. 31. The New Year Honours List has been issued, and it shows the following to have been referred:

VISCOUNTS.

Sir James Craig, Premier of Northern Ireland.

Baron Sumner, Lord of Appeal.

BARONS.

Sir George Hayter-Chubb, Chairman of the Nonconformist Unionist Association.

Colonel Fienes Cornwalls, Chairman of the Kent County Council.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

The Right Hon. Mr. Ormsby Gore, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir Leslie Scott, Conservative M.P. for Exchange Division of Liverpool, and formerly Solicitor-General.

BARONETTES.

Lieut.-Col. Edwin Bolton, Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Stirling and President—Associate of the West Indian Chamber of Commerce.

KNIGHT BACHELORS.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General for Hongkong.

Mr. Harold Morris, President of the Industrial Court.

Mr. John Rieth, Director of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr. Walter Williamson, late Financial Adviser to the Siam Government.

Dr. Henry Head, the celebrated nerve specialist.

Dr. Thomas Houston, ex-President of the Ulster Medical Society.

Alderman Bower, Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

Col. Hayward, Unofficial Member of the Ceylon Legislative Council.

KNIGHTHOODS ARE ALSO CONFERRED UPON THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMEN IN INDIA:

Joseph Gyi, member of the Executive Council of Burma; Richard Burn, Indian Civil Service; Justice Chervuri Krishnan, of the Madras judiciary; John Bell, President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce; David Chadwick, Indian Civil Service; Norman Murray, Managing Governor of the Imperial Bank of India; Sardar Dalal, member of the Legislative Assembly of Bombay; Joseph Kay, member of the Bombay Legislative Council; and Rao Bahadur Nilkanth, of Bombay.

IN THE DOMINIONS THE FOLLOWING BECAME KNIGHTS:

John Bower, Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly; H. A. E. Colbatch, Agent General in London for Western Australia; John Garvan, formerly Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia; Alfred Langley, Governing Director of the West Australian Newspaper Company; and Robert Maclean in recognition of his services to New Zealand.

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SEQUEL TO "HANOI" PIRACY.

ARREST OF A CHINESE SUSPECT.

SAID TO BE IDENTIFIED.

It is understood that the police, in following up certain information received, have effected the arrest of a Chinese in connection with the recent piracy of the French coasting ship.

The suspect was over the weekend put up for identification when the Hanoi was in port, and amongst the witnesses from the steamer it is said that the comrade pointed the man out as having been implicated in the piracy.

The Hanoi piracy case, to which this arrest comes as a sequel, was only a recent occurrence. It will be recalled that pirates, after their usual fashion, boarded the Hanoi at Kwang-chow-wan in the guise of passengers, and after murdering

NEW NATIONALIST CAPITAL.

Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang Amalgamated.

Hankow, Jan. 2.

The Nationalist Government has issued a Mandate, consolidating the cities of Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang into a greater city, to be known as Wuhan, which is to be governed by a Commission of nine, including the Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Communications, and also the Mayors of Hankow and Wuchang and the Garrison Commander.

The combined area is to be known as the Nationalist Capital.—*Reuter*.

one of the guards and seizing the ship, took it into Bias Bay where they dumped with considerable booty.

The case revived official interest in Bias Bay, and correspondence was again entered into with the Canton Government on the desirability of joint measures being pursued by the authorities of the two ports with the view to cleaning up the pirate stronghold. The Canton authorities recently despatched a military expedition into the district and the capture and killing of a number of pirates have been claimed.

EARTHQUAKE.

SERIOUS REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.

Severe earthquake shocks in the Imperial Valley began at midnight and are still continuing at five o'clock in the morning.

Calexico, Mexicali and adjacent border cities are badly damaged. The total loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

OUTBREAKS OF FIRE.

Later, a message from Calexico states that the Government of Lower California has declared martial law in Mexicali.

There were many outbreaks of fire and broken watermain hampered the fire fighters. Earthquake shocks were felt at points 150 miles away.

No loss of life is reported.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SUFFOLKS COMING.

LEFT GIBRALTAR ON FRIDAY.

Gibraltar, Dec. 31.

The Second Suffolks which are going to Hongkong went this afternoon on board the transport "Achilles".—*Reuter*.

LOCAL HONOURS.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR HON. MR. J. H. KEMP.

MR. KOTEWALL GETS C.M.G.

Hongkong figures in the New Year Honours List by the elevation of the Hon. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., Attorney General, to the rank of a Knight Bachelor, and the conferring of the C.M.G. on the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Hon. LL.D., one of the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council.

The congratulations of the whole community will be showered on both recipients on their well-deserved honours after many years of diligent public service.

SIR JOSEPH KEMP.

No more popular choice for the honour of a Knighthood could have been made than that of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, who has given just over 28 years of service to the Colony in many spheres of official life. It was in November, 1898, that Sir Joseph Kemp was appointed a Cade, and he arrived in the Colony on Christmas Day of that year, being attached to the Colonial Secretary's office. From January to July, 1899, he studied Chinese in Canton, following which he was stationed in the New Territories in connection with Land Office work. In 1900, he became Registrar of the Land Court, and in November of the same year he was appointed acting Second Police Magistrate. From June to December, 1902, he was Secretary of the Squatter's Board in addition to his other duties, and in September of that year he passed his final examination in Cantonese.

LEGAL SERVICE.

Then followed a series of other appointments, including those of Assistant Secretary of the Sanitary Board, Deputy Registrar and Appraiser at the Supreme Court, acting First Police Magistrate, acting Registrar at the Supreme Court, acting Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, and Deputy of the Sanitary Board. It was in 1909 that he was appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court, whilst in 1911 he became Crown Solicitor, and since then his service has been wholly confined to the framing and administration of the law. He was for a time in 1913 acting Puisne Judge, and in the following year he acted as Attorney General, receiving the substantive appointment to that post in 1915, and holding it ever since.

The new Knight, who is a B.A. of Cape University, was made a Commander of the British Empire Order in 1918, and in the same year he became a K.C. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1902, and he is a member of the Court of the Hongkong University and one of the Directors of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions. By his elevation to a Knighthood, the number of Knights Bachelor at present living in Hongkong is increased to five, the other holders of the title being Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shouyen Chow.

HONOUR WELL WON.

During the whole of his service in the Colony, Sir Joseph Kemp has shown himself a most able and conscientious servant of the Government, and he won for himself a high place in legal circles by his erudition and skill. He has done much valuable work in connection with the efforts made to terminate the boycott, being one of the three official delegates to visit Canton for the purpose of negotiating with the Government there on the subject, whilst he also had conversations with Dr. C. C. Wu in Canton on the same subject. His whole record has been one of unremitting attention to his duties, whilst in private life he has won great popularity as a man of sterling worth and character, and much personal charm.

Lady Kemp, who is at present absent from the Colony, has also been honoured.—*(Continued On Page 12.)*

AN ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

NOVEL SUGGESTION BY MR. W. R. HEARST.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLES.

New York, Jan. 2.

Mr. William R. Hearst, whose chain of newspapers across the American continent has hitherto been characterized by anti-British feeling, has published a long letter on the front page of the *New York American*, emphatically favouring peace and understanding between the English-speaking peoples of the world which the Premier of Australia, Mr. Bruce has been advocating here.

"By this," says Mr. Hearst, "I do not mean any enlarging alliances. The plan I have in mind would not even mean as close a compact as Naval Treaties which would require us to protect England in the possession of her subject territories. The plan I have in mind would exclude consideration of India, Egypt and such subject peoples, and simply mean that the United States, Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa would co-operate to insure peace among themselves and as far as possible to maintain the peace of the world."

Mr. Hearst declares that this should not be an offensive alliance. He favours an armament agreement which should not only provide for fighting arms to be kept down to a certain point but to be maintained at a definite strength to ensure efficiency of co-operation.—*Reuter's American Service*.

[Mr. Hearst's principal newspapers are: *San Francisco Examiner*, *Los Angeles Examiner*, *Chicago Herald and Examiner*, *Chicago American*, *Atlanta Georgian*, *Boston American*, *Boston Record*, *Boston Advertiser*, *New York Evening Journal*, *New York American*, *Washington News*, and *Washington Times*. He also controls such well-known periodicals as *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, *Hearst's Magazine*, and *Harper's*.]

MORE ROBBERIES.

LATEST POLICE REPORTS.

Armed robbers entered No. 64, Pokfulam Road on Thursday morning, when the only inmates in the house were five women. Money and jewellery to the value of \$1,248 were stolen.

Burglars broke into rope-making factories at Nos. 8-10, Kwong Wah Street and at Waterloo Street, Yumati, and carried off brass spindles, and several sets of machinery, of the total value of \$1,015.

A Chinese has been arrested on a charge of being concerned in an armed robbery which occurred on Boxing Day at Ma Chin Loong.

A thief broke into Mr. C. D. Melbourne's office at the Supreme Court during the holidays, and stole a camera valued by the owner at \$200.

EXTRADITION CASE.

INDIAN VOLUNTEERS TO GO BACK.

Divan Mengol Sen again appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Sergeant Elston stated that no further news had been received from India, notwithstanding the urgent cable dispatched the other day. The accused, however, had expressed his willingness to waive extradition proceedings and voluntarily to proceed back to India to meet any charge which might be awaiting him upon his arrival there.

Accused, in reply to the Magistrate, said that this was so, and his Worship then made an order for his discharge.

OIL LAW CRISIS.

MEXICAN-AMERICAN TENSION.

"AGGRESSION" RESENTED.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.

The first day of the new petroleum and land laws passed without incident.

The Government standpoint is that the principal foreign oil companies, having neglected to apply for the confirmation of their titles to land and leases acquired prior to 1917, have lost recognition of their rights to them. But speculation continues as to whether the Government will actually take over the land and what the action of foreign governments would be in that event.

Advices from Tampico hitherto report no confiscations of oil properties.

UNITED STATES ATTACKED.

The Chamber of Deputies at midnight roundly with ontological attacks upon the United States for its Mexican and Latin American policies. There was bitter criticism of the American States Department, while the hall resounded with cheers for President Calles for his opposition to the "aggressions" of the United States. One orator declared that Mexico was leading the way to the consolidation of all Spanish-American peoples against the domination of the United States, and he added that "Mexicans may not be successful dollar chasers, or know how to practise dollar diplomacy like the Yankees, but they know how to die for their honour and fight against foreign aggressions".—*Reuter's American Service*.

BRITISH OPTIMISM.

London, Jan. 2.

The British Government has received no news of developments in Mexico as the result of the passing of the oil law.

There appears to be no reason to anticipate hasty confiscation or any other serious happening, while the new law appears to be quite definite with regard to foreign ownership of oil concessions. There are a number of enactments bearing thereon, which may tend to modify the situation, and probably these will lead to a discussion, possibly on some form of accommodation.—*Reuter*.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

An earlier message from Washington stated that the new Mexican oil law will come in operation at midnight on Dec. 31st. The Calles Government maintains that the law will be enforced without delay.

In view of the possibility of confiscation of investments valued at \$150,000,000, not only American oil companies but American politicians of all parties are asking what steps the State Department proposes to take.

The British companies are said to be in full agreement with the American concerns, which up to the present have uncompromisingly opposed the plans of the Mexican Government.

Unconfirmed rumours state that Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, proposes to withdraw the American Ambassador and to raise the arms embargo, but it seems more likely that the State Department will not take any definite action until concrete cases of confiscation under the new laws have been brought to its notice.—*Reuter's American Service*.

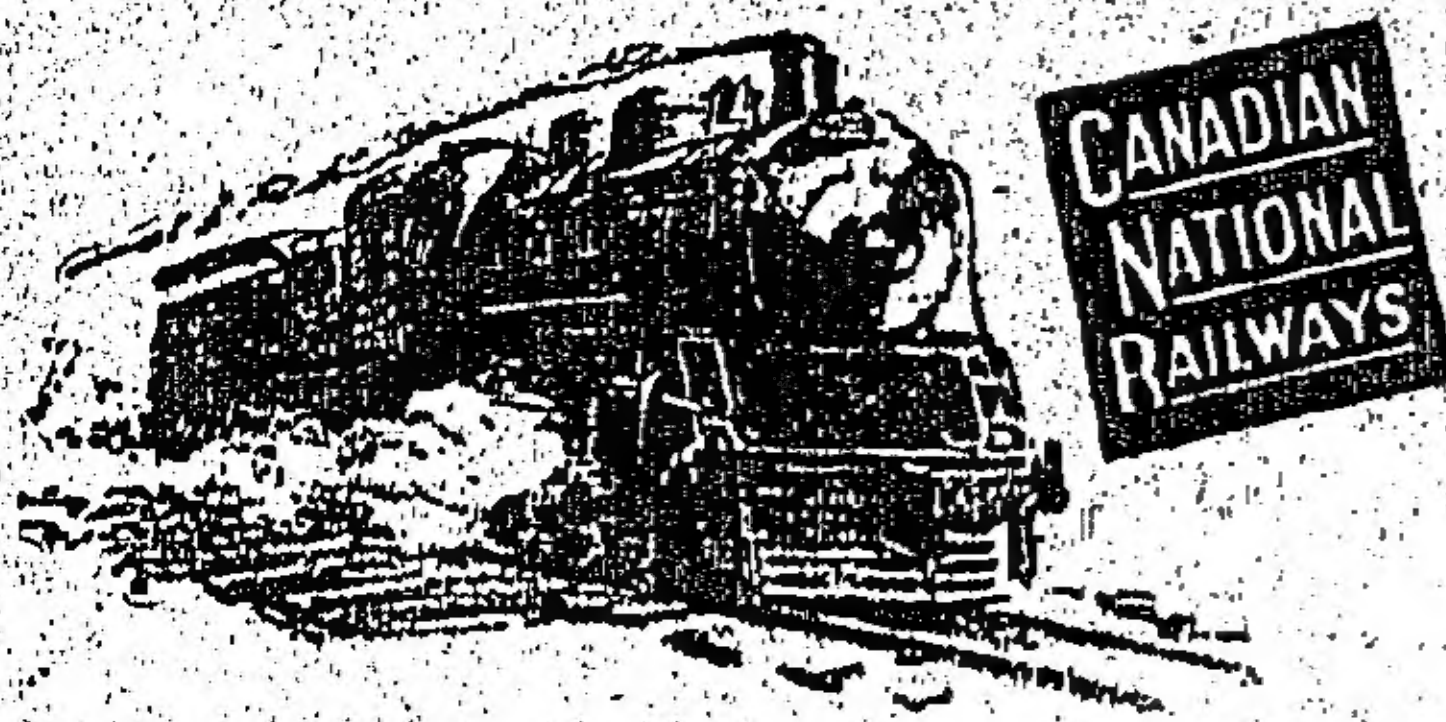
MINE MEN HELD FOR RANSOM.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.

The British Legation has requested Mexican military protection for a British-owned mine near Parral, of which two American employees have been captured by bandits and are being held for ransom of 10,000 pesos.

President Calles in a New Year message to the Mexican people evidently referring to the oil laws, declares that he does not intend to "give the constitutional law an interpretation that may harm any legitimate interests invested in Mexico".—*Reuter's American Service*.

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NICARAGUA'S REVOLT.

THE UNITED STATES AND
MONROE DOCTRINE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 1.
The newspaper *La Nacion* describes the recent landing of United States marines in Nicaragua as an "assault on international law and a hard blow at the Monroe Doctrine which established the definite right of American nations' freedom from all colonising encroachment."

Referring to Mr. Kellogg's contention that the landing was for the purpose of protecting American interests, the paper asserts it has not been stated that the contending Nicaraguan forces caused any damage to, violated any right of, or made any attack on American residents to justify the intervention.

The paper declares: "According to the precedent thus established, the sovereignty rights of American countries are to be subordinated to the number of dollars which the United States has invested in their territory."—*Reuter's American Service.*

MEDIATION DECLINED.

Managua, Jan. 1.

The Conservative Government has refused Costa Rica's offer of mediation on the ground that the United States recognition of the Diaz Government renders mediation unnecessary.

The Liberals admit that their total casualties in the recent 3-days battle were 82. They estimate the Conservatives' losses at 150.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OUTCAST RUSSIA.

MORE PLAIN SPEAKING BY
AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 1.

The State Department has flatly denied the statement made at Moscow that the United States has approached Russian Soviet officials during the past year on the subject of American recognition of Russia.

The State Department has declared that the American Government, as President Coolidge said in his message to Congress, does not propose to barter away its principles. If the Soviet authorities are ready to restore the confiscated property of American citizens or make effective compensation, they can do so. It requires no conference or negotiations to accomplish these results, which can and should be achieved by Moscow as evidence of good faith. The American Government has incurred no liabilities to Russia, nor has it repudiated any obligations.

"The most serious of all Russian activities is the continued propaganda for the overthrow of institutions in this country. This Government can enter no negotiations until these efforts directed from Moscow are abandoned."—*Reuter's American Service.*

AIR FORCE MARSHAL.

THE HIGHEST RANK
ATTAINED.

Rugby, Dec. 31.

A notable appointment is made in the Royal Air Force. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugo Trenchard, Chief of the Air Staff, is promoted to the rank of Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

He is the first officer to attain what is the highest rank in the R.A.F. This rank, which was created in 1919, when Air Force titles were approved, is the equivalent of Admiral of the Fleet in the Navy and Field Marshal in the Army.—*British Wireless.*

GOLDEN FISH.

SAID TO BE THE LOVELIEST
LIVING CREATURES.

Fifty times its weight in gold may seem an impossible price for a fish, yet that was approximately the price realized a few years ago for the first pair of lion-headed goldfish to reach America. They were sold for \$200. Nobody knows, writes David Neville, how long ago the Chinese began, by patient selective breeding, to transform the little olive-grey carp of their rivers into a living replica of the golden fish that is one of the eight symbols of Buddha. It was a task that only Orientals, for whom time has no meaning, could have accomplished.

Just as they evolved the Pekingese spaniel in deliberate imitation of the lion-like "Dogs of Happiness" (pairs of which are so common a subject in Chinese porcelain), so they produced goldfish of a strange, grotesque beauty that at first repels and then fascinates. Bulging, telescoped eyes and strange forked fins make them look like that other fish in Chinese legend which swam up the Yellow River until at last it passed the rapids of the Dragon Gate and itself became a dragon.

Japanese Improvement.
It was left to the Japanese to borrow the art of China and to improve it beyond all recognition.

There is no living creature that for pure loveliness can surpass their vitallity, with its three or four inches of trailing, gossamer fins and tail. Whole families have worked for generations, and are still doing so, to produce it.

The common goldfish is hardly enough and will live beneath the ice of a frozen pond, but these pampered aristocrats must be nursed and tended watchfully. There is a deadly, contagious fungus that attacks them, and when the tiny fry emerge from the spawn, a myriad enemies lurk in waiting for them—winter snails, beetles and their kind, not to mention their own cannibal parents.

There are great open-air hatcheries for the common goldfish in Italy and in the United States, and at one time they were introduced into certain Portuguese rivers, but like all such artificial creatures turned wild again, they speedily reverted to ancestral type. The young, indeed, still show no gold.

It is obvious, of course, that the domesticated fish could not survive in the struggle for existence of wild life. Its flaunting livery would make it a target for every enemy, while the trailing fins, of the fancy kinds are a serious impediment to swimming.

GERMS AS PROTECTION.

VACCINE SWALLOWED TO
STAMP OUT FEVER.

By means of swallowing dead typhoid germs, it is now claimed, everybody may in future be made immune to typhoid fever. The method of preparing the vaccine is the invention of Dr. Desreux, of the Pasteur Institute, Paris.

In the Polish town of Lodz, which has a population of over half a million, and where typhoid epidemics are prevalent owing to bad housing conditions and sanitation, 43,196 people have been immunised by swallowing typhoid germs.

In a group of 151 tenements, where there was very bad overcrowding, two cases of typhoid used to occur per month. The total number of inhabitants was 23,318. Of these 20,867 swallowed typhoid germs. Subsequently 49 cases of typhoid fever occurred, 47 of which were among those who had not been treated.

PARTNERS IN MORGAN'S.

CHANGES IN BIG FINANCIAL
HOUSE.

New York, Jan. 1.

What apparently is a new policy of J. P. Morgan's is marked by the appointment to partnerships of three members of their staffs who have risen from the ranks.

Morgan's hitherto have recruited their leaders from outside sources. A partnership in Morgan's is rumoured on Wall Street to be worth at least a million dollars.

THE NEW PARTNERS.

New York, Jan. 1.

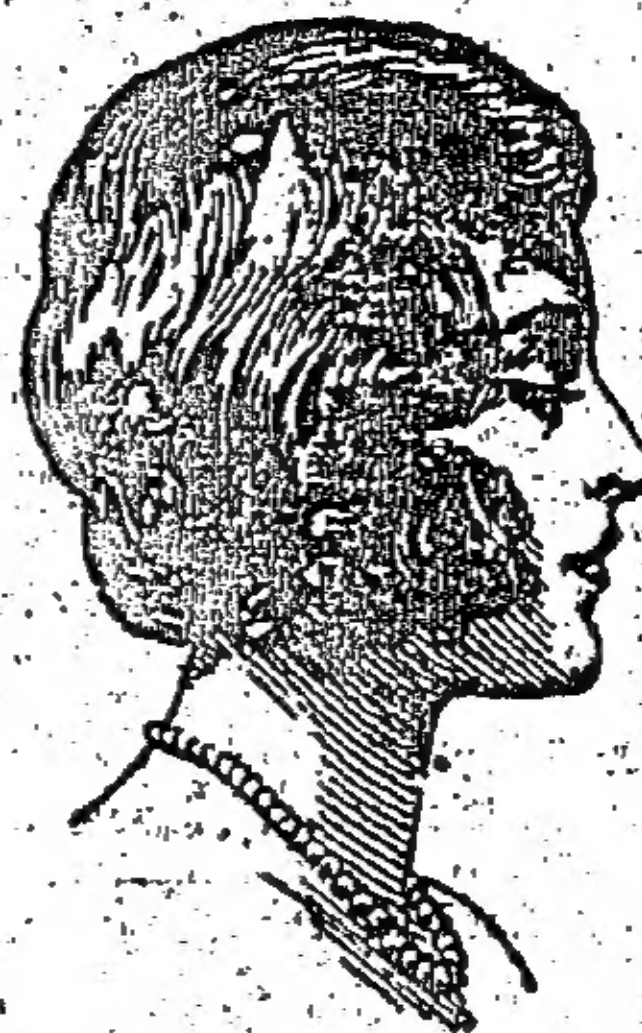
The names of the new Morgan's partners are Francis Dwight Bartlett, Arthur Marvin Anderson and William Ewing Reuter's American Service.

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

ALL METAL FLYING BOATS.

London, Dec. 31.

The Air Ministry has ordered two all-metal flying boats with a capacity of fifteen passengers and driven by three engines of a total of 1,350 horse-power, with a non-stop range of 500 miles, to be used for experimental flights on the trans-Mediterranean, Calcutta and Singapore sections of the 10,000 miles of the Empire air route from London to Australia. The machines are to be known as the Calcutta type.—*Reuter.*



ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER.
No Longer a Child.

Perhaps you have already noticed that your daughter in her "teens" has developed a fidgety temper, is restless and excitable, and often in need of gentle reproof. In that case, remember that the march of years is leading her on to womanhood, and at this time a great responsibility rests upon you as parents.

If your daughter is pale, complains of weakness and depression, feels tired-out after a little exertion; if she tells you of headache or backache, or pain in the side; do not disregard these warnings. Your daughter needs help, for she is most probably anemic—that is, bloodless.

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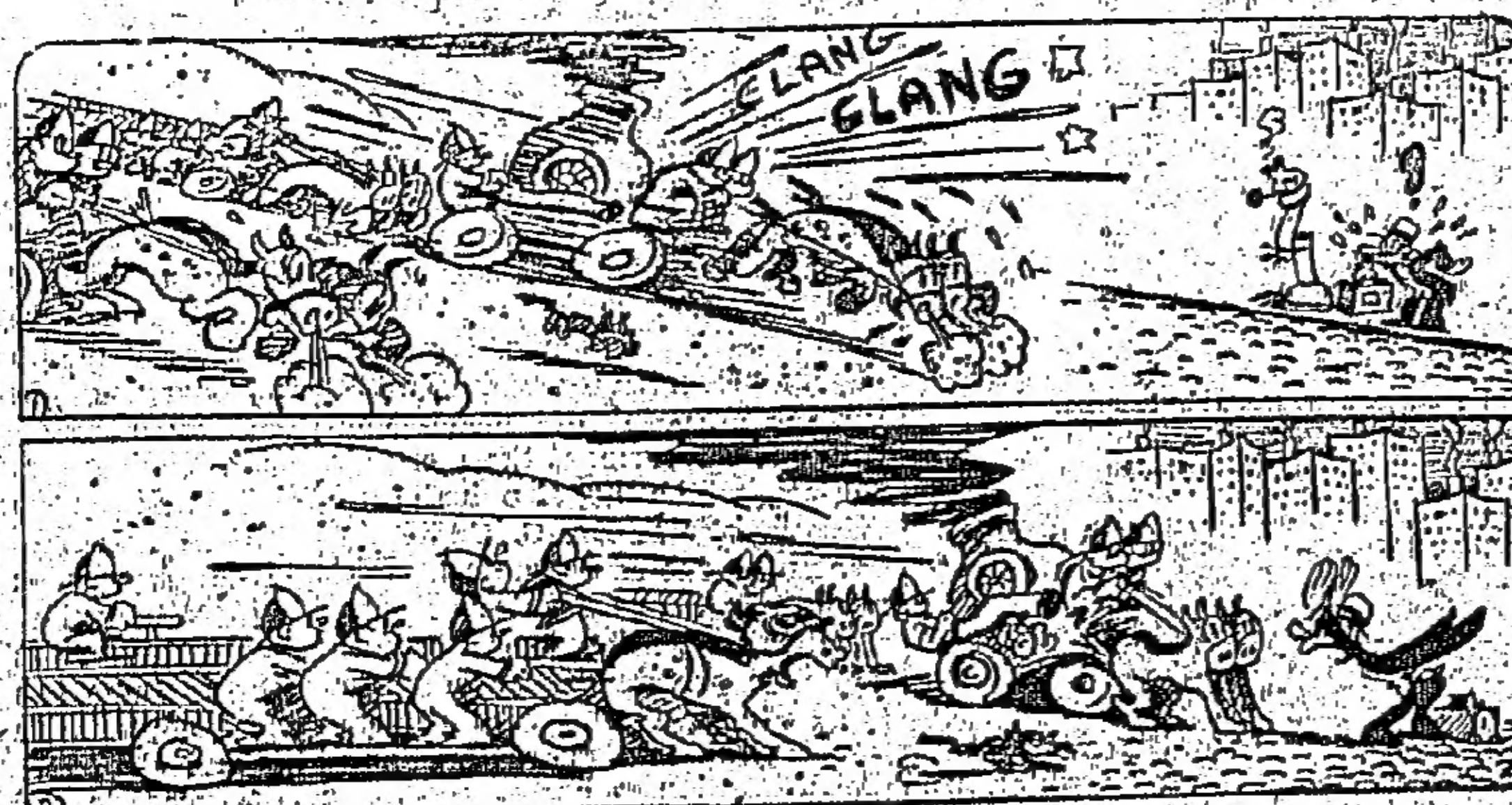
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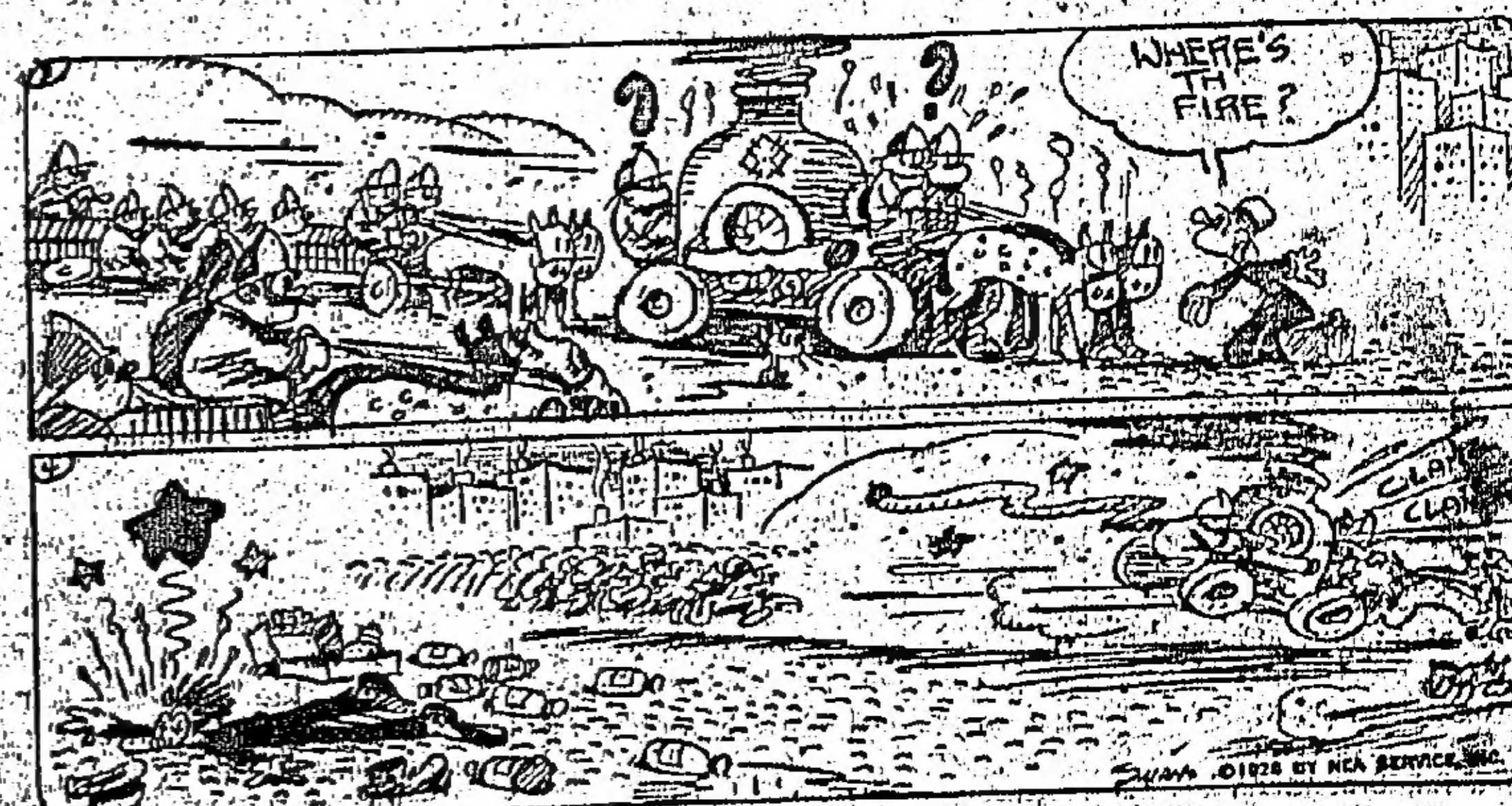
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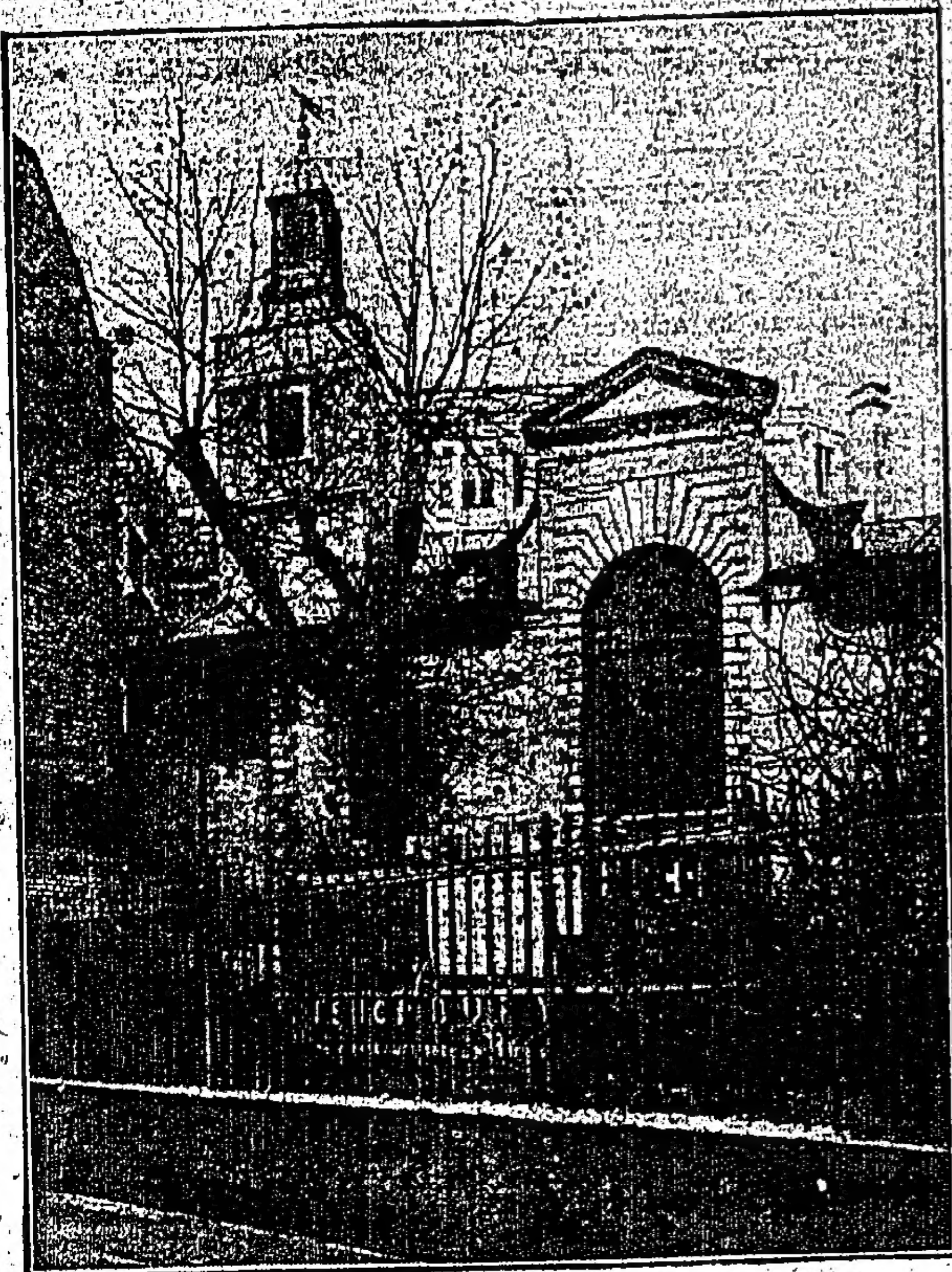
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THREAT TO CITY CHURCH.—Our picture shows one of Wren's churches, S.S. Anne and Agnes, which is threatened with complete destruction. It was built in 1680. The altar-piece has Irving of the Grinling Gibbons style. (Times copyright)



QUEEN MARIE LEAVING AMERICA.—By comparison with the multitudes which acclaimed her when she arrived from Roumania 44 days before, only a handful of people were present to bid Queen Marie good-bye upon her departure for home. Here she is, with Princess Ileana and Prince Nicholas, leaving farewell from the deck as the S.S. Berengaria moves slowly away from its New York pier.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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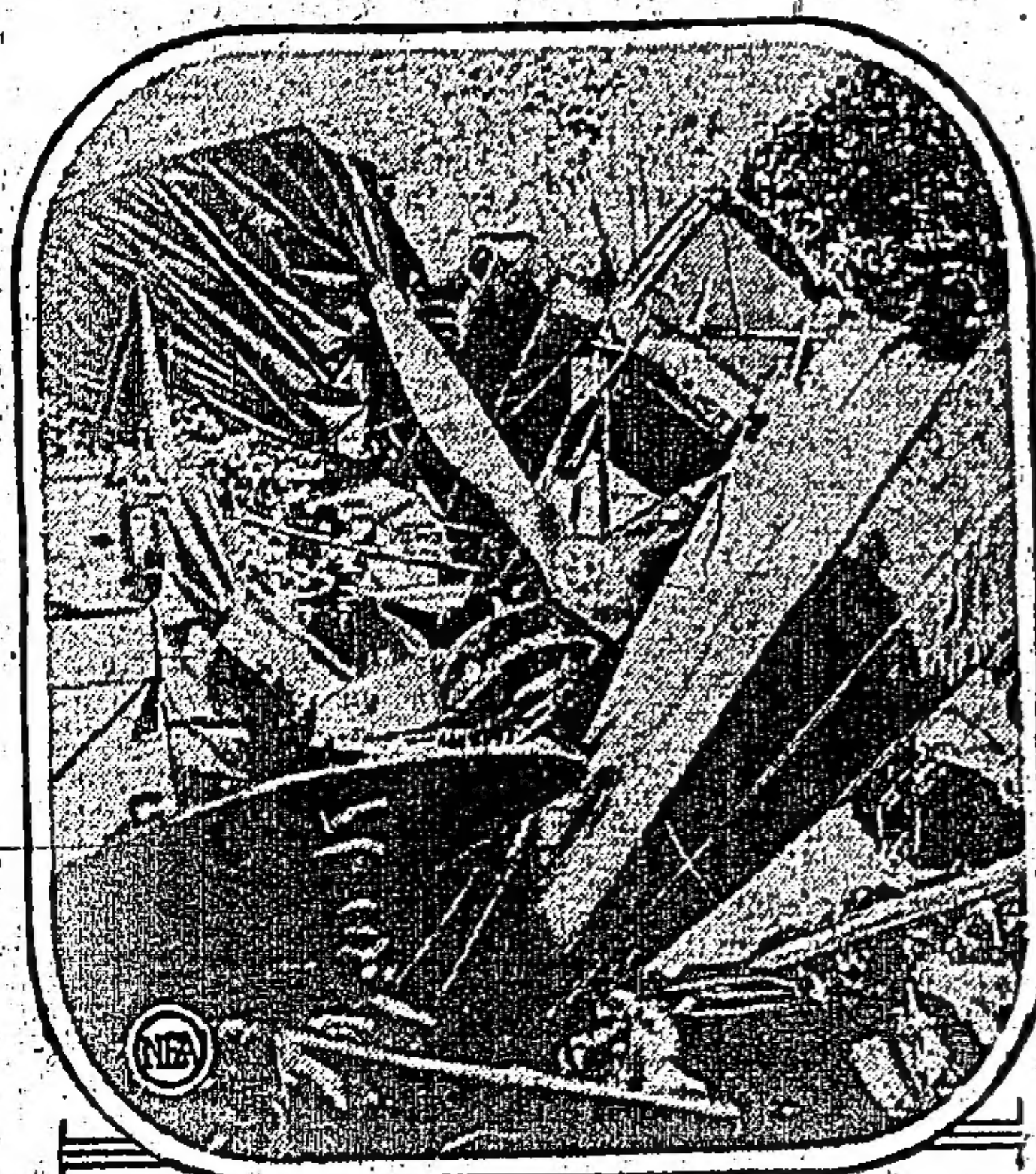
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UNEXPECTED VISIT.—Gerald Smith, of Seattle, dropped in on Senator and Mrs. R. F. Green, of Victoria, B.C., the other day—and here's what his plane looked like afterward. It hit the breakfast room, but fortunately the Senator and his wife had just finished their meal. Smith's ankle was broken.



NEW PRI DONNA.—Elda Vettori, Italian dramatic soprano, as she appeared in the American debut as "Santuzza" in Cavalleria. (Times copyright)



AMERICA DEFEATED IN SCHNEIDER CUP RACE.—Mr. Dr. Wilbur, Secretary of the U. S. Navy, felicitating Major Mario de Bernardi, Italian aviator, after he set a new seaplane speed record in defeating the Navy's foremost pilots in the Schneider Cup Race at Hampton Roads, Virginia. In the inset the winning plane is shown banking around the home pylon.

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ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE.—Our photograph shows ruins of the Village Church at Duhart, one of the places which suffered severely in the recent earthquake in Russian Armenia. Hundreds of persons were killed and many more were injured and rendered homeless. (Times copyright)



LIVE ORNAMENTS.—On a round-the-world cruise, Mrs. William T. Shiels acquired these two champagne glasses in Egypt.

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Notice is hereby given that, arising out of a communication received from the Comprodes Association intimating that, as from 1st January, 1927, a comprode's commission of 1% shall be charged for all goods, whether contracted "to arrive" or sold from "Spot cargo," joint meetings of the undersigned have been held to discuss the matter. As a result, it has been resolved and decided that, for all future orders for purchase of goods, only the usual ½% comprode's commission will be paid, as hitherto, and no increase whatever will be recognised. Apart from notifying the Comprodes Association of our above-mentioned resolution, this advertisement is inserted in order to give the public notice.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1927.

NOTICE.

We have to-day admitted Mr. Michael Howard Turner as a partner in our Firm.

DEACONS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

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We beg to announce that we have been appointed by the Hercules Cycle & Motor Co., Ltd., Birmingham, as their Sole Agents for Hongkong and South China for their famous Hercules Bicycles.

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I hereby give notice that as from the first day of January, 1927, Mr. W. T. Stanton will join me in partnership in the business of a Merchant, Commission Agent and Broker in Flour which has hitherto been carried on by me alone under the name of "L. Dunbar."

The business will in future be carried on by us under the name of "L. Dunbar & Co."

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FOURTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

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Canton, January 1, 1927.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, December 31st, 1926, until Monday, January 3rd, 1927, both days inclusive.

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Silk, Valuables and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

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MACAO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 6th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstake will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd. day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

Major Alvaro de Castro, the former High Commissioner of Mozambique and twice Prime Minister of Portugal, is lying seriously ill in the Fort of Elvas, where he has been confined as a political prisoner. Dr. Domingos Pereira, a former Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs, is also seriously ill.

The River Clyde, the vessel which was run ashore at the Gallop landing, has been discharging coal at Beckett's Gas Works. It is now owned by a Spanish firm, has been renamed the Angela, and is engaged in bringing coal to Britain from America.

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A Havana Correspondent states that President Machado has promised to study the advisability of limiting the coming Cuban sugar crop, and general opinion is that he will sign a decree making the maximum 4,500,000 tons.

The temperance poll at Rothesay resulted as follows: No change, 1,972; no licence, 1,365; limitation, 30.

The population of Australia was increased by 12,801 by immigration during the quarter ended September 30. Of these immigrants 85 per cent. were British.

It is announced that two important exhibitions to demonstrate the manufacturing powers of Great Britain will be held in Melbourne and Sydney about a year hence.

SPIES OF THE CUSTOMS.

HOW SMUGGLERS GET CAUGHT.

A revival of smuggling on an extensive scale by American travellers returning from Europe is causing the customs officials at New York and other terminal points to become unusually wary, says a New York correspondent to the *Evening Standard*.

Unprecedented diligence is noticeable on the piers, and annoying incidents when people wrongly suspected are subjected to search have been increasing of late.

One woman, a mid-western school teacher, who recently arrived from France, was taken in hand by a female inspector, and compelled to disrobe entirely. Nothing was found on her beyond what she had declared.

The officials were apologetic, but in the proceeding the unfortunate woman fainted twice, and would have a good case for "moral and health damage" if it were possible to "take action" against the Government, which it is not.

Such incidents are extreme cases, and are due to wrong identifications.

In this case, although the customs authorities said nothing, it is quite certain that a "tip" was received from one of the many spies which the Government employs on a commission basis in Europe, but was applied to the wrong person. The real smuggler got through, apparently, unsuspected.

In Europe.

Every shop in Europe which does an extensive trade with Americans, has among its clerks American customs spies. They are bona fide clerks who know that the Washington Government pays to those who lodge information about smugglers a percentage of the fines collected.

Some of these clerks sell goods to a customer and the same day report their sales to American Treasury agents abroad.

Most of the smuggled goods found at the American ports are discovered, without recourse to drastic searching, to the skin.

The smuggling is done by amateurs, travellers who hope to "make a good trade" by saving the 50 to 80 per cent. duty payable on their foreign purchases, but who, when verbally examined, usually become nervous and reveal the goods.

These verbal examinations occur whenever the customs inspectors have their suspicions aroused. It is not always tips from abroad that make a traveller suspect.

A Suspect.

A member of a rich American family returning this summer was suspected because he came ashore wearing a light overcoat, although the day was very warm.

He was put to the verbal test and out of the pocket of his overcoat came a number of articles bought in Europe, but not mentioned in his customs declaration list.

Bulging pockets also arouse the curiosity, not only of the officials who go through a traveller's luggage, but also of the inspectors at the exits of the piers, who give the homecoming Americans a final piercing glance as they pass through into the land of freedom.

The next inspectors quickly pass their hands over pockets which seem abnormally filled, and they detain the victim if anything hard, like a bottle, appears to be within, for it is the private bootlegger, bringing home a quart of so of non-poisonous stuff for his own use who is so carefully watched for.

Trinkets.

Indeed, the increase of bootlegging throughout the United States is held responsible for the increase in smuggling among travellers.

To buy liquor from a smuggler is not considered an offence by the average American, despite the Prohibition law.

From this beginning many Americans have come to regard all smuggling as no more than venial, if one can "get away with it."

So purchases of trinkets, clothing, jewels, and the like, made during a European trip are no longer declared with the honesty of former times. They are smuggled whenever the chance is considered good.

Many Americans consider the United States Government is largely to blame for the smuggling in small amounts that is so general among travellers.

MYSTERIOUS PHOTOGRAPH.

"SPIRITS" IN CHURCH OF JOAN OF ARC.

What is the significance of an extraordinary "spirit photograph" at present in the possession of the Church Army, which shows Lady Palmer, the wife of Sir Samuel Ernest Palmer, standing beneath a Union Jack in the Basilica of Joan of Arc, at Domremy?

Lady Palmer was the moving spirit in the presentation of the British flag to this church, and she was alone, but for a woman companion, who took the photograph, in the church. Yet, by her side, in the photograph, appear two "spirit" figures of priests in full vestments, who were undoubtedly not visible to the naked eye.

Lady Palmer, telling her story to a press representative recently, said that she and a friend visited Domremy last year, and made a pilgrimage to the Basilica, a shrine to the honour of Joan of Arc. It is filled with paintings depicting scenes in her life, and is not yet complete.

"In the chapel beneath the main aisle of the church," she said, "we found an American flag hanging; on the wall exactly opposite was an empty iron clasp—evidently waiting for a flag. We asked permission to procure a British flag to hang there, and it was granted to us. When we returned to England we ordered a silk Union Jack, on the clasp of which, was written, 'With England's Homage.'"

Absolutely Alone.

"I took the flag down to Fulham Palace," she continued, "where it was blessed by the Bishop of London. Preliminary Carille of the Church Army, prevailed upon Marshal Foch, who was in London at the time, to sign it, and Lord Haig did the same."

"This took place in June of last year; in October Lady Palmer herself went to Domremy; and she and a friend, Miss Townsend, entered the chapel again."

"She had a little old camera with her," said Lady Palmer, "and took a snapshot of me, giving it a few minutes' exposure. We were absolutely alone."

"Later on I wrote and asked her what had become of the photograph. She sent it on to me, without any word. I wrote back, pointing out that we had been alone at the time, and that there had been no priests there; and she acquiesced. But the priests are there, for all the world to see."

"They seem to me to resemble those in one of the pictures in the Basilica. It shows Joan, crowning the Dauphin; and it is my opinion that, as the French sold Saint Joan to us for ten thousand pounds, and as we burnt her, the crime lies upon us both."

Not A Fake.

The negative of the picture was submitted to Mr. Richard Speaight, the Court photographer, who examined it with his acute professional eye, and stated that the picture was undoubtedly not a fake.

"I have an entirely open mind towards 'spirit photography,'" he said, "but, on examining the film, I can definitely say that the figures which appear beside Lady Palmer have not been produced by a previous exposure of the plate. This can be proved by the fact that the line of the rail, on which Lady Palmer is resting, appears quite clear in front of the figures."

"One explanation of how these figures could have appeared is that a priest or priests came quietly out of the confessional box. The whiteness of their robes would be sufficient to give the exposure of them in the plate."

For many years customs law has allowed American residents to bring into the country foreign purchases to the value of \$100 (\$20) duty free.

This amount was adequate before the war to allow the purchase of enough small gifts to meet the average homecomer's requirements.

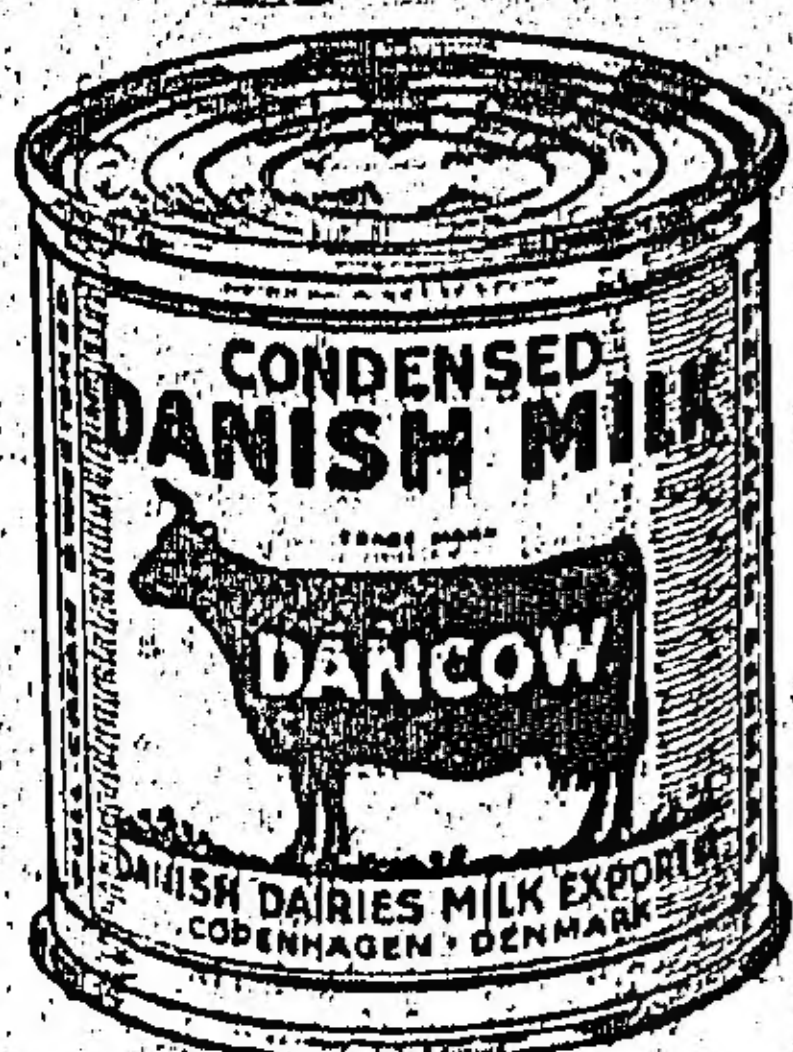
Right To Smuggle.

But it has not been raised with the general increase in prices since the war.

So many Americans consider they have a right to smuggle in moderation, in order to make up the difference, by the simple expedient of under-valuing purchases.

The customs inspectors in general are lenient in these cases when the travellers do not overdo it.

But, emboldened by this, the tourists usually get out of bounds the next trip, and then the hand of the law heavily descends.



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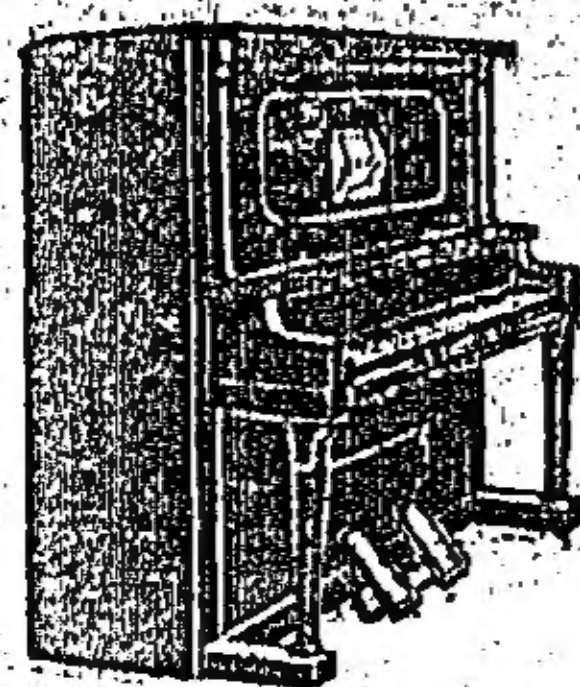
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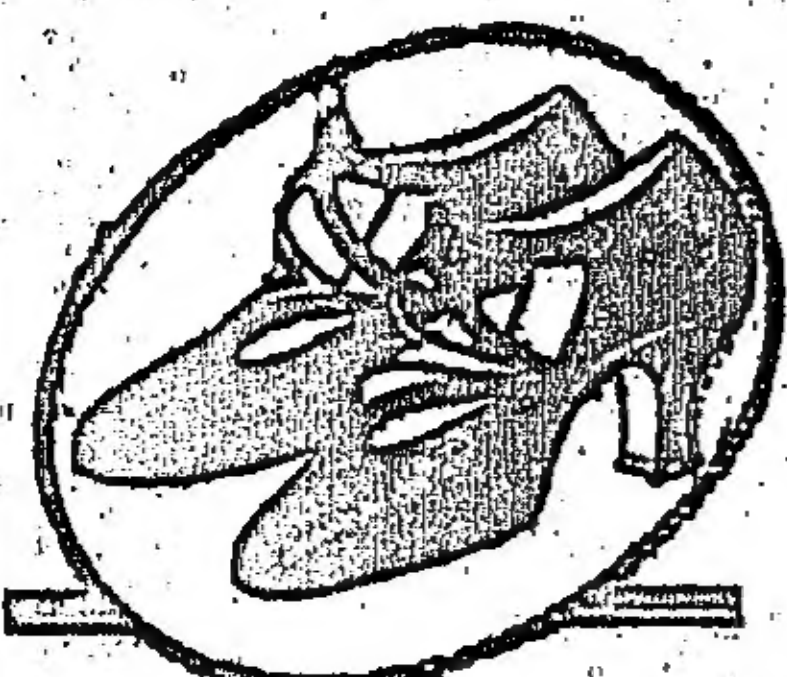


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POPPY DAY FUND.

RESULT OF THE ARMISTICE DAY EFFORT.

The Poppy Day Sub Committee of the British Legion (South China Branch) have pleasure in reporting that the gross proceeds of the "Drive" in aid of Earl Haig's Fund on 11th November last amount to the very satisfactory figure of \$16,067.43 plus a draft for \$36.75 received from Chefoo. This is nearly \$4,000.00 more than was collected last year.

Owing to some misunderstanding no supply of poppies or of advertising material were received from the Headquarters of the Fund in London, as in former years, and arrangements had therefore to be made locally. Organisation expenses amounted to \$680.61, leaving a balance for remittance to London of \$15,086.82. Through the courtesy of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation a special rate of exchange has been granted for this remittance, in view of the fall in the value of the dollar.

Larger Donations.

A comparison with last year's figures shows a very large increase in the donations to the Fund, which is due to the generous response of members of the community, both Chinese and foreign, to a circular appeal issued before Remembrance Day. Church collections, on the other hand, amount to less than half of the amount received last year.

The football match organised by the Hongkong Football Association produced the remarkable figure of \$1,201, which represents the gross takings, the Association generously paying the expenses itself. An auction of original posters by local artists which was conducted in the Hongkong Club produced the exceptional figure of \$1,461.

It was unfortunate that a number of ships of the Navy were at sea on 11th November and did not receive their consignments of poppies until after that date, the Navy's contribution being reduced in consequence. The Army's contribution is about \$300.00 more than that of last year.

An innovation was made this year in securing the assistance of a number of Chinese lady collectors, and these helped materially to swell the total of the street collections.

As regards the Outposts, valuable contributions were received from Chefoo, through Mr. Clayton, Swatow through Mr. A. M. Scott, Morris and the British residents in Macao, through Mr. Lovelock.

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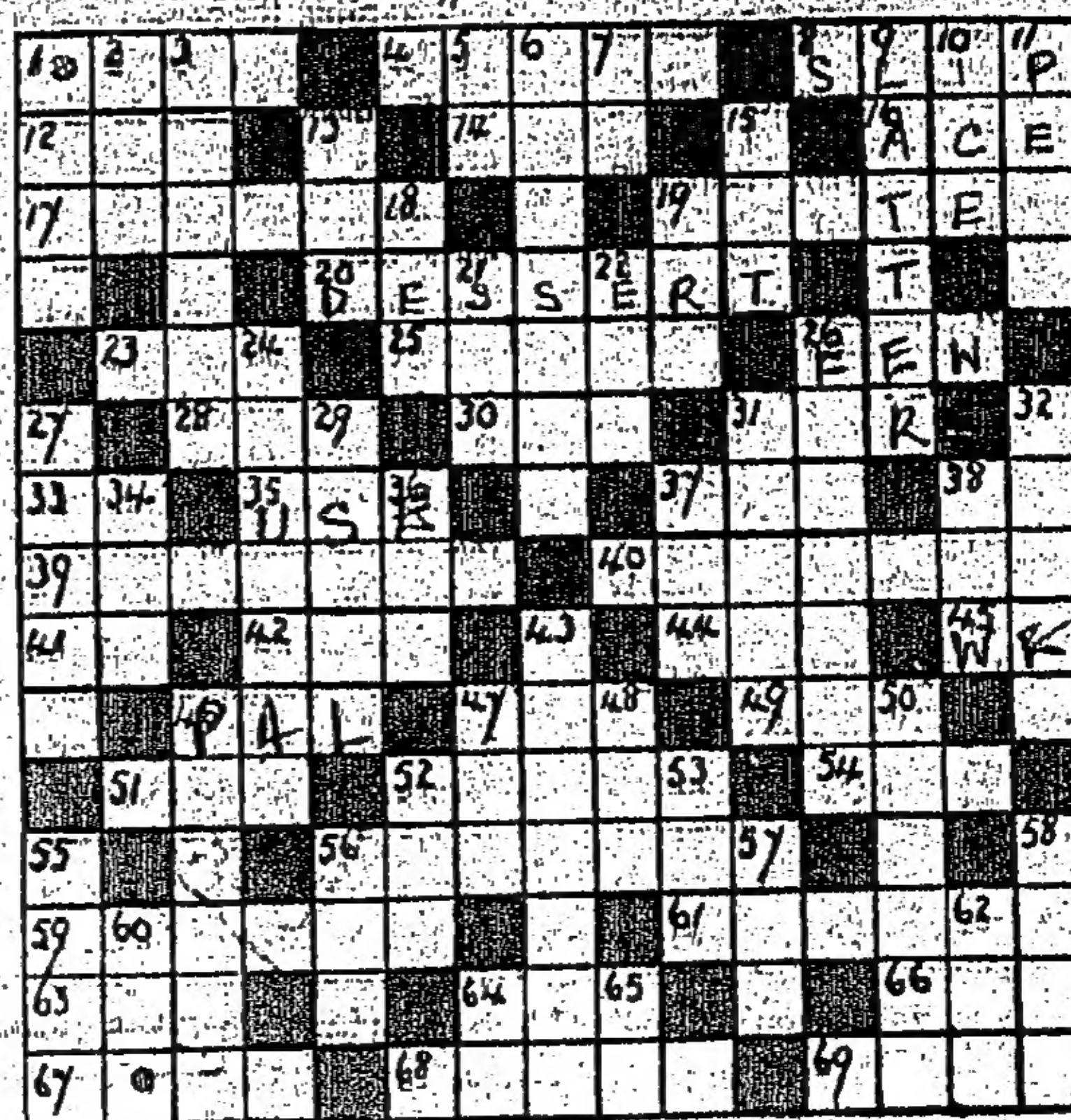
Grateful thanks are due to the following: To H. E. the Governor for the lend set to the community by his published message, for his practical help in lending the launch "Stanley" for visiting ships in the Harbour and for a donation; Mrs. G.D.R. Black for organising the arrangements for the lady sellers in Victoria, and to Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook for doing the same in Kowloon and to all the ladies who assisted them; The British Legion, Hongkong Jockey Club, Hongkong Boxing Association, Hongkong Baseball Association, Club Lusitano, Hongkong Amusements Ltd., W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., Arts and Crafts Ltd., Cafe Parisien and the staffs of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. for donations;

The Roman Catholic Churches and St. John's Cathedral for devoting offertories to the Fund;

The Hongkong Football Association, Hongkong Club, United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Victoria Recreation Club for devoting proceeds of various entertainments to the Fund;

The very large number of gentlemen who generously responded to the appeal circulated amongst

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



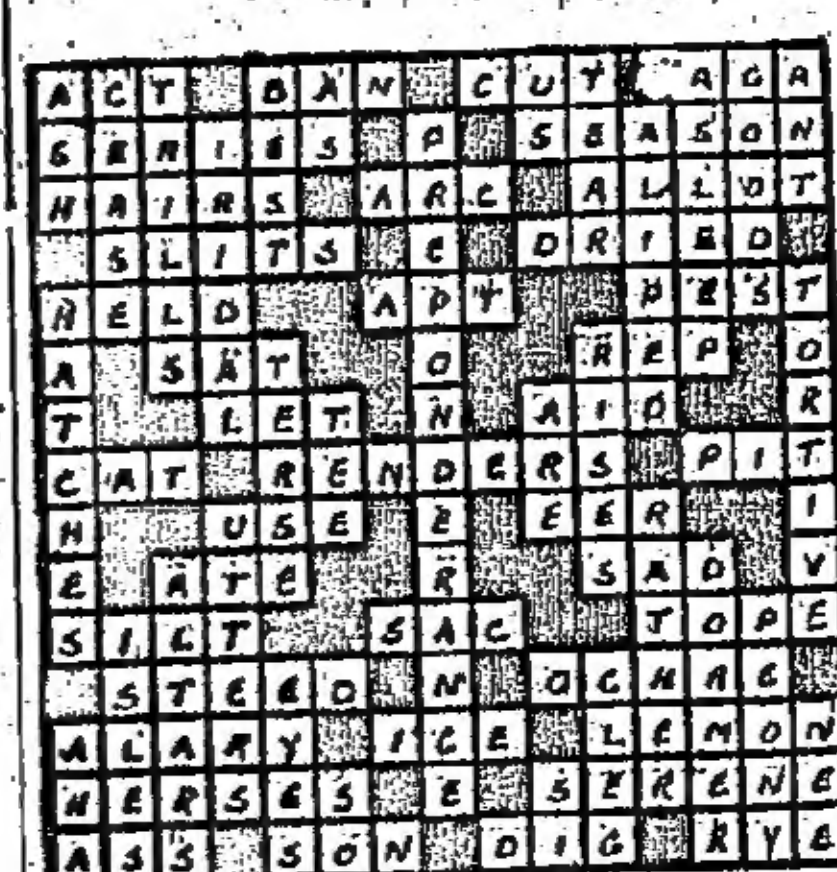
Across.

- 1 Try.
- 4 A language.
- 8 To lose footing.
- 12 Devotional salutation.
- 14 Negative.
- 16 One of fifty-two cards.
- 17 Well-matured.
- 19 Religious festival.
- 20 Served at close of a dinner.
- 23 To exert power.
- 25 Discourage.
- 26 Not many.
- 28 Large cask.
- 30 A number.
- 31 Animal's covering.
- 33 Expressed place.
- 35 Consume.
- 37 A hill.
- 38 Perform.
- 39 Part of a motor car.
- 40 A water course.
- 41 In the matter of.
- 42 To drop bait into water.
- 44 A prophet.
- 45 You and I.
- 46 A friend.
- 47 Fixed point of time.
- 49 Part of compass.
- 51 A period of time.
- 52 Prevents.
- 54 Cut.
- 56 Fondles.
- 59 Respect.
- 61 Worker.
- 63 Part of verb "to be."
- 64 The whole.
- 66 Three.
- 67 Turns over.
- 68 Celestial body.
- 69 Part of the face.

Down.

- 1 Submissive.
- 2 Late in the day.
- 3 Choose.
- 5 Indefinite article.
- 6 Worned thoroughly.
- 7 Frequent.
- 9 Opposite to former.
- 10 Congealed water.
- 11 Sort of spiritual being (Persian).

Friday's Puzzle.



the community before the 11th November.

Chinese Effort.

The following gentlemen of the Chinese Community subscribed generously—Messrs. Chan Pak-chun, Tsoi Kung-po, Chan Tung-shan, Ho Kam-tong, Ho Leung, Ho Ki, Chou Po-sien, Wong Kam-fuk, Mok Kon-sang, M. H. Lo, Lo Cheung-shiu, Jan Con-sang, K. Leung-ho, Pang Kok-shui, Mr. Chi-lung, Lo Chung-huo, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewell, Ho In, Ma Tsui-chin, Leung Yan-po.

Rear Admiral A.J.B. Stirling, C. B. and the Commanding Officers of H. M. Ships and Naval Establishments who granted assistance in the sale of Poppies, the G.O.C. South China Command for granting permission for the sale of Poppies amongst the troops, the Commanding Officer and Officers of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. for allowing their Pipe-band to play at the Charity Football Match, Capt. Bridgland, D.F.C. for organising the sale, the British American Tobacco Co. for assistance in advertising, Messrs. Stan Hill

R.S.W. Paterson, A. W. Graham Brown, and J. E. Hancock for drawing posters; Mr. W. H. Perry for granting the use of the Kowloon Hotel as a depot, to Mr. Ho Wing for furnishing shroffs for the checking of collections, the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd. for granting free advertising space in connection with the Charity Football Match, Mr. W. K. Reynolds for accommodation in the City Hall as a store room and depot; Ye Olde Printerie for reduced printing charges and all those who rendered such good assistance to the cause and whose services may not have been acknowledged above.

Rugby, Dec. 31.
Owing to the failure of the Trade Union Congress to undertake to raise the necessary funds for its equipment, Lady Warwick, a prominent Socialist, has withdrawn her offer of Easton Lodge as a free gift to the Labour movement for use as a college. Easton Lodge is a large country residence in Essex, and with its nine hundred acres of parkland has belonged to Lady Warwick's family for generations.—British Wireless.

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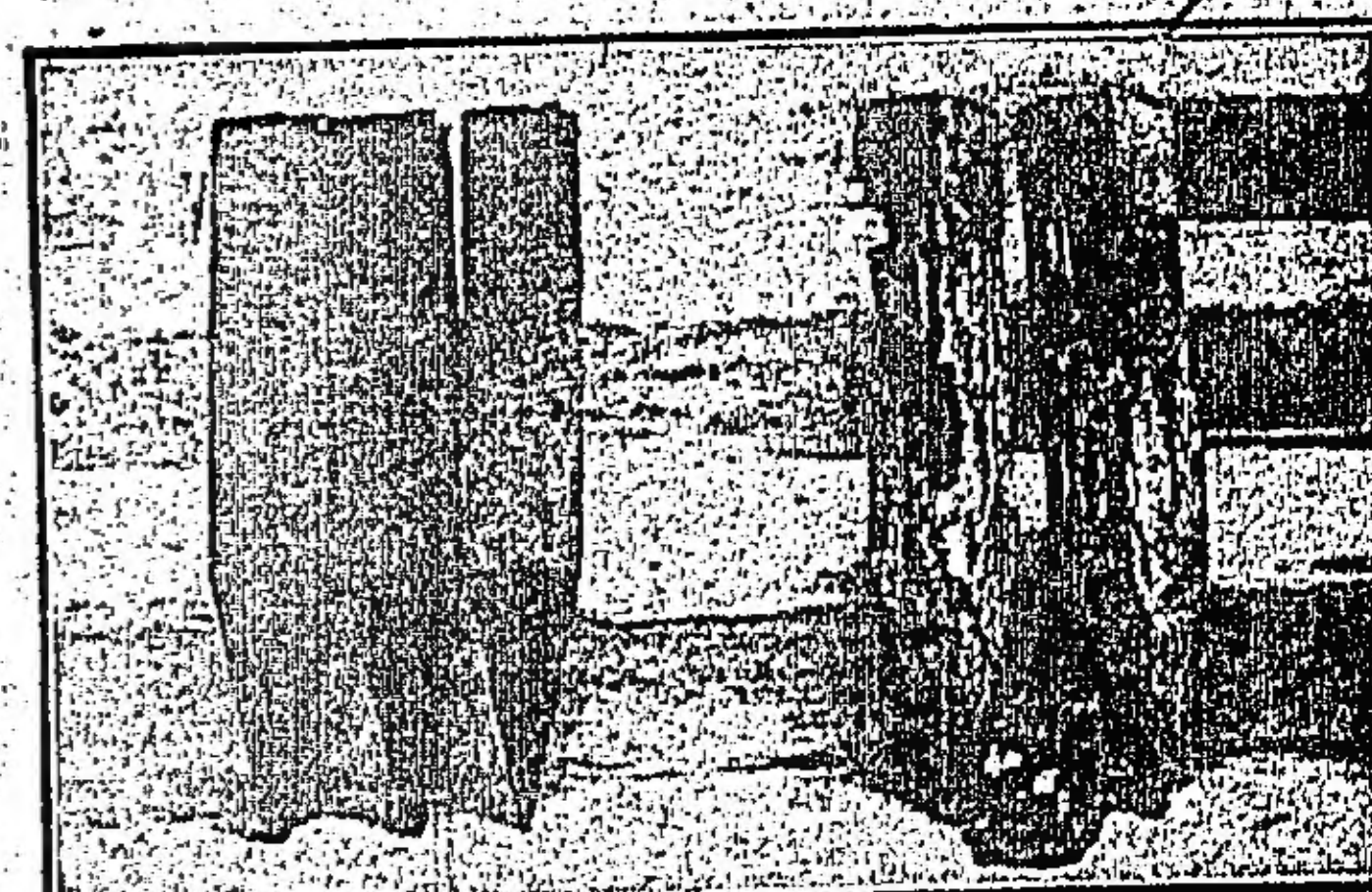
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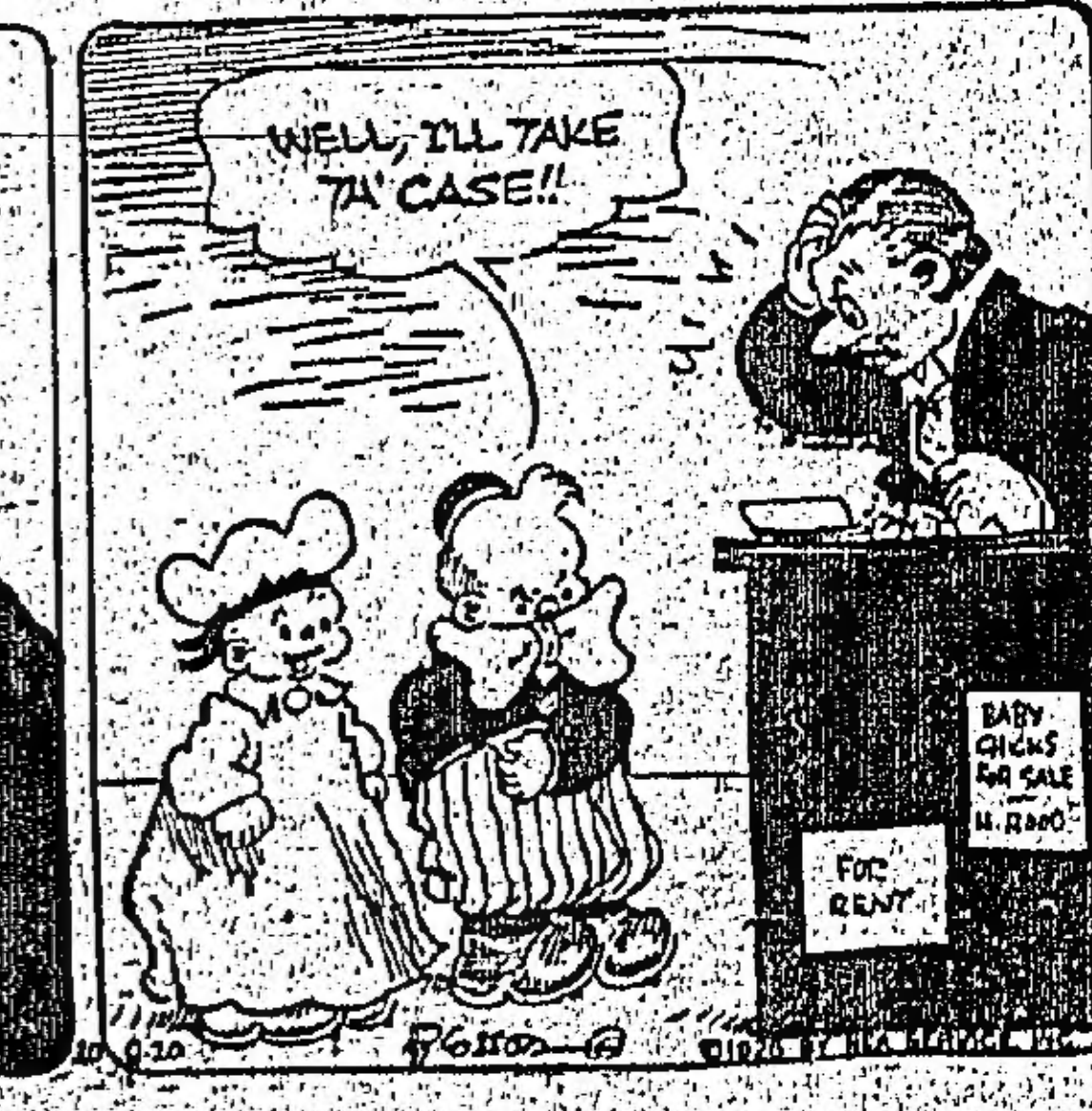
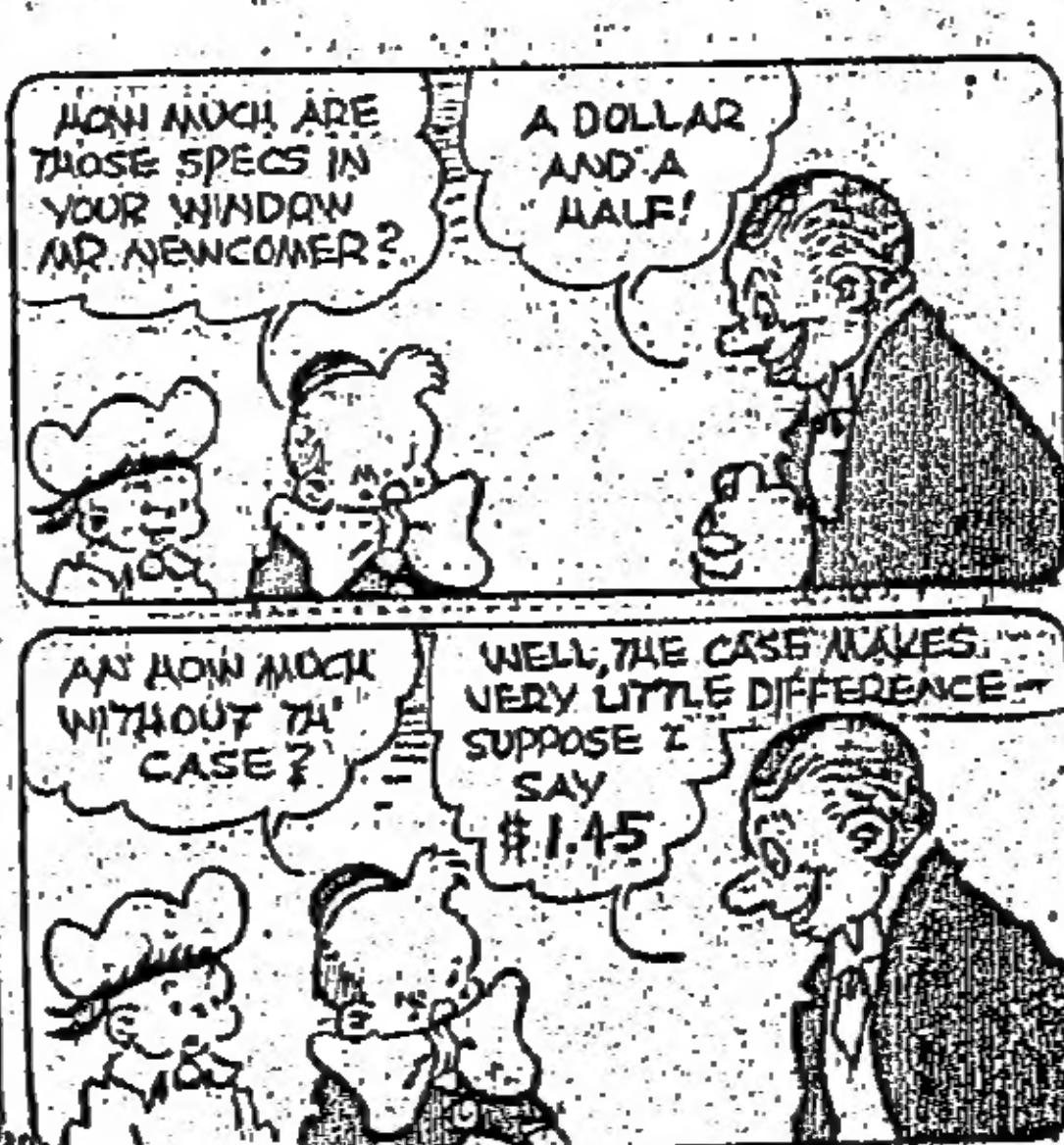
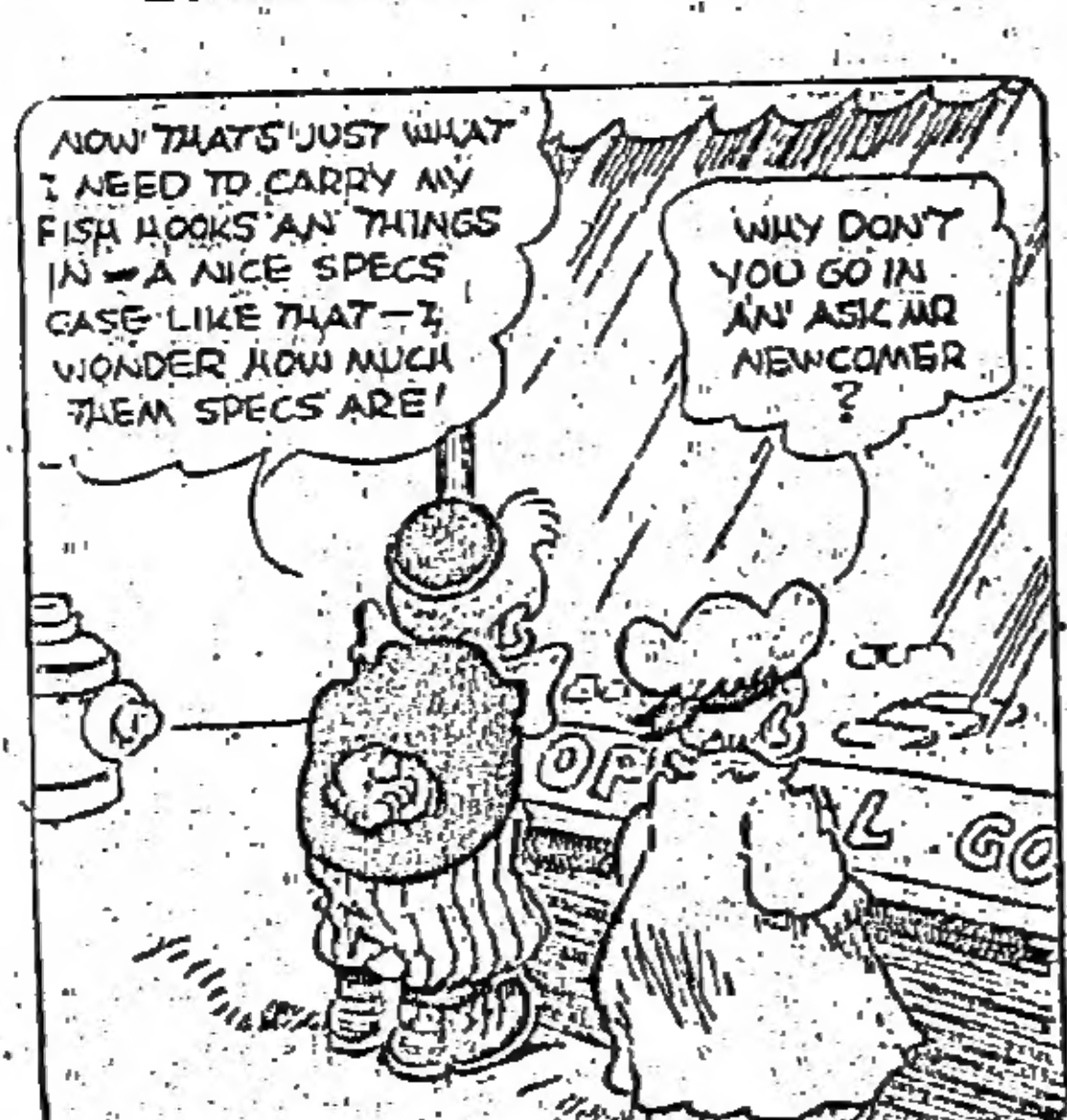
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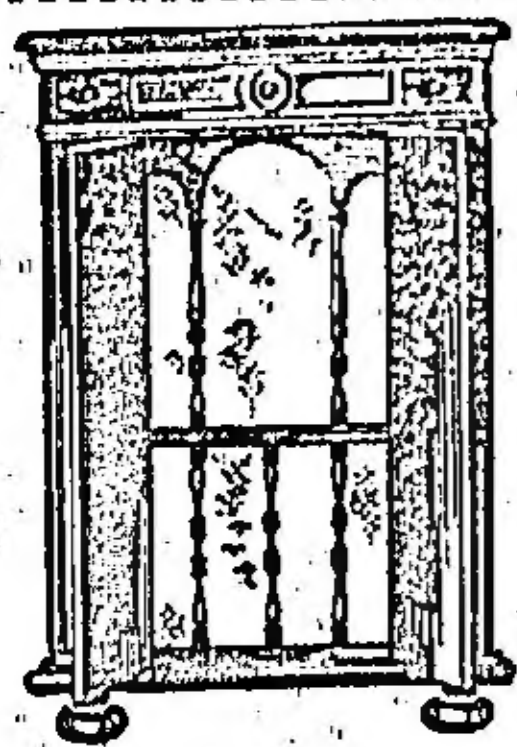
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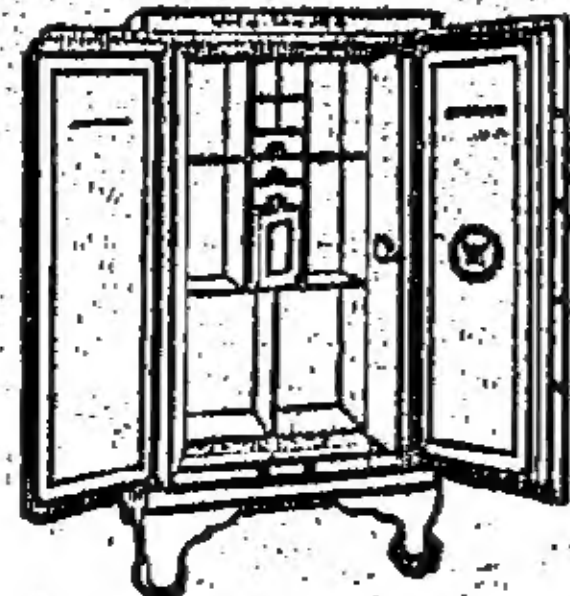
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The Telegraph

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1927.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

From the comments which have
 been made by the foreign Press in
 regard to the British Memorandum
 concerning the future policy of the
 foreign nations towards China; it
 is clear that there is little likelihood
 of the proposals contained therein
 being acceptable to the majority of
 the Treaty Powers. One French
 journal asserts that the Powers
 have been at sixes and sevens in the
 Far East for the past five years,
 and expresses the fear that the
 Memorandum may imply a further
 drifting apart as between Britain
 and France. It is, of course, true
 that there has been a regrettable
 lack of unanimity on the part of the
 Powers in their dealings with
 China, and it was with that point
 in mind that Britain addressed her
 suggestions to the other nations,
 seeking to evolve a friendly and
 generous policy on which all should
 unite. In the recent past, unhappily,
 Britain has borne the brunt of the
 anti-foreign feeling, and she has
 now deemed it wise to come out
 boldly and declare her real inten-
 tions towards the Chinese. If the
 policy suggested is too liberal and
 conciliatory for the other Powers,
 then the blame for future diver-
 gences of viewpoint can hardly be
 laid at Britain's door.

We realise, of course, that there
 are many debatable points raised
 in the British Memorandum, but its
 main purport cannot be doubted.
 It breathes friendship and goodwill
 in every part, and if the National-
 ists do not recognise that point,
 then we shall be fully justified in
 believing that the extremists are in
 control. Canton has again and
 again asserted its willingness to be
 friends with those who show friend-
 ship; it now has the opportunity of
 honouring its pledges. It is true
 that there have been some criti-
 cisms of the suggestion that the
 Washington surtaxes should be un-
 conditionally granted, these being
 mainly based on the argument that
 such a step would be to the advan-
 tage of the military opponents of
 the Southerners, but as a nation
 which maintains a policy of strict
 neutrality in the Chinese civil war,
 Britain can only deal with the Chi-
 nese people as a whole, just
 as the promises implied by the
 Treaty Powers at the Washington
 Conference were made to China as
 a whole and not to one faction or
 another. No policy that is just and
 impartial can be made contingent
 on the fluctuating fortunes of the
 war. The Chinese must themselves
 work out their own salvation from
 within; all that Britain can be ex-
 pected to do is to evolve a broad
 policy applicable to the whole coun-
 try.

Regarding the point of the sanc-
 tity of Treaties, that is very nat-
 urally insisted upon in the Mem-
 orandum, for the whole basis
 of international dealings rests on
 such observance. At the same
 time, Britain openly concedes the
 point that some of the existing
 Treaties are out of date, and she
 is quite prepared to have them re-
 vised. The trouble, however, is
 that at the moment there is no-one
 with whom she can negotiate.
 What, therefore, is to happen in the
 interim? Britain obviously does
 not insist on the strict letter of the
 Treaties, but it would be well if her
 position in this regard were made
 a little clearer. The great need is
 for all the Powers to come to agree-
 ment regarding this Treaty ques-
 tion, and we still entertain the hope
 that that will be one of the results
 of the discussions which must take
 place on the Memorandum.

Lord Inchcape's Speech.

The speech of Lord Inchcape de-
 livered at the annual general meet-
 ing of the P. and O. Company never
 fails to be interesting to us here
 in Hongkong by reason of the very
 close association between us and the
 great steamship company. Any-
 thing dealing with the matter of
 communication between the Far
 East and the Old Country is bound
 to be of forceful appeal, and, fur-
 thermore, Lord Inchcape is a great
 personality who has, from time to
 time, delivered himself of some ex-
 tremely pertinent remarks about
 affairs in the Far East. The speech
 under notice deals mainly with
 the affairs of the Company, and
 it shows that the P. and O. Com-
 pany is fully alive to the potential
 competition of air services. The Cairo-Karachi
 air service hopes to attract passen-
 gers and important mails, and pre-
 suming that this trial service proves
 to be successful and but the fore-
 runner of many others, there is the
 possibility that time will witness
 less and less reliance on steamships
 for the carrying of our mails.
 There is not the slightest doubt
 that much would be gained, both
 officially and commercially, if mail
 services could be speeded up, and
 the great Indian community is go-
 ing to be very eager to support
 anything which provides quicker
 mails if it does not prove too costly.
 There is, however, no immediate
 prospect of a millennium in the air,
 and it will doubtless be a long while
 yet before the experimental stage
 of air travel and conveyance has
 been passed, but the P. and O. Com-
 pany is showing wisdom in contem-
 plating the future with this aspect
 of affairs well in mind.

TREATY PROTEST.

ILLUMINATED STONE TABLETS.

In order to establish a perman-
 ent protest propaganda against the
 unequal treaties, the General Politi-
 cal Department of the Military
 Headquarters, has, says the *Canton
 Gazette*, decided to erect on the
 Kweishan Hill in Hanyang seven
 tablets of stone with one of the
 seven Chinese characters inscribed
 on each, signifying the "Abolition
 of Unequal Treaties."

Each character will be 35 ft.
 high and 40 ft. broad, and will be
 painted white on blue ground. It
 will be illuminated by electric
 lights and will be visible day and
 night, in Hanyang, Hankow and
 Wuchang.

EXCHANGE RATES.

| | Rugby, Jan. 1. |
|------------------|----------------|
| Paris | 122.80 |
| Geneva | 25.11 |
| Berlin | 20.40 |
| Oslo | 19.38 |
| Madrid | 31.07 |
| Buenos Aires | 40 7/16 |
| Hongkong | Holiday |
| New York | 4.36 1/2 |
| Amsterdam | 12 12 13/16 |
| Stockholm | 18.16 1/2 |
| Prague | 113 1/2 |
| Lisbon | 217 3/32 |
| Dombay | Holiday |
| Yokohama | Holiday |
| Brussels | 34.39 |
| Copenhagen | 18.10 1/4 |
| Helsingfors | 192 1/4 |
| Rio | 5 18/1 |
| Shanghai | Holiday |
| Silver (spot) | 25.1 1/16 |
| Silver (forward) | 24.15 1/16 |

The following telegram has been
 received from the Bishop of Lon-
 don—"St. John's Cathedral, Hong-
 kong.—Happy memories of glorious
 Hongkong. God bless you all—
 London."

DAY BY DAY.

NO PROCESS IS SO FATAL AS THAT
 WHICH WOULD CAST ALL MEN IN ONE
 MOULD.—*Channing.*

Tenders are being invited for
 the construction of a Mechanical
 Engineer's Office at Hunghom.

It is notified that Mr. Arthur
 Dyer Ball ceased to act as At-
 torney General on the 20th Decem-
 ber, 1926.

Among the passengers who left
 by the Hakone Maru on Saturday
 were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lay, and
 Mr. D. Gow.

The name of Mr. A. J. Bell,
 A.C.A., has been added to the list
 of auditors qualified under the
 Companies Ordinances.

The Government School for the
 training of Asiatic persons as
 ships' wireless operators re-opens
 at the Post Office Building to-day.

The s.s. Aratara, of the Eastern
 and Australian Line, arrived in
 port this morning with the Aus-
 tralian mails.

His Excellency the Governor
 has appointed the Land Officer to
 be Registrar of Marriages and the
 Assistant Land Officer to be a De-
 puty Registrar of Marriages.

A Bankruptcy notification states
 that a first and final dividend of
 \$12 per cent. has been declared in
 the matter of Wang Cheong Lung,
 of 140, Shanghai Street, Yuma-
 ti.

It is notified that the names of
 the On Wo Steamship Co., Ltd.,
 the Grand Central Trust Co., Ltd.,
 and the Chai Ying Land Invest-
 ment Co., Ltd., have been struck
 off the Register.

At a meeting of the Legislative
 Council held on Friday afternoon
 two new Bills, amending the In-
 terpretation Ordinance and the
 Promissory Oath Ordinance, were
 read a first time.

The final of the ladies champion-
 ship singles will be played at the
 Ladies Recreation Club on Friday,
 January 7th, at 3 o'clock, between
 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder)
 and Miss Robinson (challenger).

His Excellency the Governor has
 received information from the
 Secretary of State for the Colonies
 that Mr. Kenneth C. Krentz has
 been appointed a Vice-Consul for
 the United States of America in
 Hongkong.

H.E. the Governor wished all
 Members of the Legislative Coun-
 cil and residents of the Colony
 generally a Happy and Prosperous
 New Year, at the Council meet-
 ing which was held on Friday
 afternoon.

A convivial function was held
 yesterday morning at the resi-
 dence of the French Consul, at
 No. 13, Peak Road, where M. and
 Mme. Dufaur de la Prade receiv-
 ed members of the French com-
 munity. There was a large
 gathering of guests, and the New
 Year was appropriately toasted.

The Colony's financial state-
 ment up to the end of September
 shows a credit balance of
 \$6,197,506, against \$6,521,967 at
 the end of August. The revenue for
 the nine months of the year
 had been \$14,269,801 compared
 with \$17,764,481 for the same
 period of 1926, whilst the respec-
 tive expenditure figures were
 \$16,186,778 and \$19,576,067.

Since the establishment of a
 special bureau for the collection of
 inland taxes on consumption and
 production, branch bureaux have
 been established, and, according
 to news received, says the *Canton
 Gazette*, the head bureau has
 now a daily receipt of about
 \$30,000. The total receipt for the
 12th and 1st months (Old date), is
 estimated at about \$500,000 to
 \$600,000.

A large number of distinguished
 residents, including His Excel-
 lency the Governor and Lady Cle-
 ment, assembled in the saloon of
 the N.Y.K. liner, Hakone Maru on
 Saturday morning to bid farewell
 to the Lord Bishop of London, Dr.
 Winnington Ingram, when he de-
 parted for Singapore. When his
 Lordship left for the ship on the
 Missions to Seamen launch "Day-
 spring," about a hundred boys
 from the Diocesan Boys' School,
 who were just off Murray Pier,
 fired crackers until the Japanese
 boat was reached.

NEW CANTON LIBRARY.

SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL.

First steps in the creation of the
 big nationalist library planned for
 Chungshan University will be taken
 within the next three months, says
 a Canton journal. An initial fund
 of half a million will be raised.
 Later an additional million will be
 raised, making a founding fund of
 \$1,500,000.

This plan has been approved by
 the Canton Branch of the Central
 Political Council. The plans for
 the library foundation have already
 been drawn up.

The foundation will include the
 purchase of \$700,000 of foreign
 books and \$100,000 of Chinese
 books on general topics. This
 nucleus library will be augmented
 by an early expenditure of \$100,000
 PUBLIC READING ROOM.

Two hundred thousand dollars of
 the million and a half fund will be
 used for the establishment of a
 Social Culture Department at the
 university, with a public reading
 room and a library of special books
 on social developments, revolution-
 ary history, economics, political
 sciences and sociology.

Important social pamphlets will
 be available at this library. Maga-
 zines on social topics will be sub-
 scribed for regularly.

SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL.
 An important part of the library
 foundation will be the special mem-
 orial building in memory of Dr.
 Sun Yat-sen. In this building will
 be placed as complete a collection of
 official and unofficial sources, docu-
 ments, pamphlets, pictures and
 manuscripts etc. relating to the
 Chinese nationalist movement as
 can be obtained.

A general library building is also
 to be built, at a cost of \$300,000.
 The remaining \$100,000 in the
 million and a half budget will be
 devoted to a special collection of
 modern books, both Chinese and

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

ANOTHER ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

There is a bright and attractive
 programme being shown at the
 Queen's Theatre at present, and
 one which yesterday attracted
 large audiences.

The main picture is the Gold-
 wyn production, "The Confessions
 of a Queen," in which the leading
 parts are taken by Alice Terry and
 Lewis Stone. This deals with
 Court life in an imaginary little
 Kingdom on the Adriatic, and it
 is a very colourful story, in which
 a dissolute and thoughtless
 monarch eventually finds happi-
 ness in love when he gives up the
 Throne and retires to private life
 in Paris with his wife and child.

The film is of the usual high
 standard which one associates
 with all Goldwyn productions,
 being lavish in its settings
 throughout.

In addition, there is a very
 effective Prisma colour film, show-
 ing some of the world's most
 beautiful birds, as well as a very
 funny Christie comedy.

The next change of programme
 will be on Thursday, when Mary
 Pickford will be seen in
 "Sparrows."

foreign, on diplomatic relations
 with particular reference to Chi-
 nese affairs.

The Nationalist Government will
 give \$500,000 to the fund. Pro-
 vincial Governments will give
 \$400,000. \$100,000 is to be raised
 from special contributions from
 government and party officials, and
 \$500,000 is to be raised from con-
 tributions by overseas Chinese,
 merchants, etc.

Of the initial half million which
 is to be used to launch the work,
 \$200,000 will be given by the Cen-
 tral Government and \$300,000 by
 Provincial Government.

The Very Idea!

Because he drank at one sitting enough and with punch enough to
 some 67 cups of coffee a few days again make famous, the name
 ago, says an American paper, a Milwaukee.

certain male "broke into fame." On the upper Milwaukee river,
 as people would say, where green fields are strewn

The fact is he didn't break into along the shore, Mitchell has his
 fame. His picture was printed own camp where he is taking likely
 and his name printed in several looking prospects under his wing,
 thousand papers. But how about and some day hopes to find among
 it? Can you tell teacher, bright then the world potential light-
 and snappily, the name of the man weight champion.

Who is the world's champion coffee When he isn't doing "hat, Richie,
 drinker? Neither can we. Nor as he himself states to "doing
 can we name the world's champion nothing" running a haberdashery
 oyster-on-the-shell gulper, corn-on-the-cob eater, or the man with the

reddest hair and the biggest feet. We prattle a great deal these days
 about the power of printer's ink.

We often say that it's not what a person is or does that counts, but
 that it's getting his name in the paper about any old thing, when

all the world sings praises to him. "Would seem that the tale of the
 champion coffee drinker, whose name no-one recalls, indicates this
 cynicism is unwarranted.

A battery is what he craved. But then, his bill was large.
 He couldn't charge a new one
 so
 The old was put on charge.

"There's a great picture here we ought to see."
 "What is it?"
 "One of Rembrandt's."

"Let's go. I haven't been to the movies for ages."

A man with seven wives, and with the genius for holding the
 affections of all of them, was sentenced recently to two years' penal
 servitude in Warsaw. Each of the women declared they stood ready
 to marry him when he was dis-
 charged from prison.

At Ecclesfield, a village in the Sheffield district, two lanes have
 been set aside for the use of court-
 ing couples. In future no raucous
 motor horns are to disturb the
 tranquillity of the by-ways, accord-
 ing to the order of the authorities.

He: You are getting terribly thin, aren't you?
 She: Yes, isn't it wonderful?

This from Dr. Boyd S. Gardner, dental surgeon. The doctor ex-
 plains that there is nothing for the
 game, and known throughout the teeth quite so good as bone-pick-
 country as the man whose light-
 ing, toast-crunching, celery-crack-
 ling like-punch sent Bonnie Leo-
 ing, and all the various forms of
 mastication upon which Etiquette
 pion to the canvas when they
 fought in Madison Square Garden,
 will win, good teeth or fine man-
 ners? It will be a brave man, or
 to-day has only one ambition,—to
 develop another youngster clever shall be first.

BRITAIN'S NEW YEAR
OUTLOOK.PROSPECT OF REVIVED
INDUSTRY.

HIS MAJESTY'S MESSAGE.

Rugby, Jan. 2.
The keynote of all the newspaper articles on the occasion of the New Year is the hope that it will see trade and industry recover rapidly from the injury which they suffered from the long industrial dispute of 1926.

A message from H. M. the King to the Lord Mayor of London in reply to the latter's greeting, echoed this sentiment. His Majesty said: "With unswerving faith in the British character I heartily share your belief that with united efforts and the spirit of mutual confidence and goodwill in our widespread industries we shall see the gradual but sure restoration of the trade and commerce of our beloved Country, to the benefit not only of the British Empire but of the whole world."

FEELING OF OPTIMISM.

The King's message is taken as the text for an analysis of the industrial outlook which is inspired with a feeling of optimism. It is noted that the latest returns of unemployed shows a fall of 100,000. Other facts are adduced as favourable factors. There is a substantial promise of the revival of heavy industries. During the long coal stoppage important orders for iron and steel accumulated and the rate at which furnaces are coming into operation again, especially on the Teesside, suggests that the leeway to be made up will give, for some time to come, an output of iron substantially in excess of that of the earlier months of 1926.

There is renewed activity in several important branches of the engineering trade. Large contracts for locomotives and railway electrification are characteristic of the growing confidence. A much stronger demand is also anticipated for machinery and equipment from colliery groups which have projected extensive reconstruction and the modernisation of their mines. This process is likely to be extended as the various amalgamation schemes come fully into operation. Reports from shipbuilding centres also record an increasing flow of contracts and a more hopeful feeling that the worst effects of the slump have been got over. As against these favourable factors, however, has to be taken into consideration an unfavourable financial factor.

COUNTRY'S FINANCES.

The national accounts for the nine months of the financial year show a deficit of £146,000,000.

While it is pointed out that some of this deficit can undoubtedly be accounted for by special delays in the collection of revenue, due to the coal stoppage, it has to be admitted that a considerable deficit must still be shown at the end of the financial year. Speculation is rife as to whether this may mean increased taxation in the new budget. Financial circles, however, profess to regard it as unlikely that industry will be hampered by an increase in the income tax. They suggest that the Chancellor of the Exchequer may turn rather to the taxation of luxuries.

STRONGER SECURITIES.

Despite the depression of last year it is noteworthy that during it the 365 securities which are quoted in the Bankers' Magazine, rose in market value from £6,464,000,000 to £6,513,000,000. This appreciation of £275,000,000 was made up of an increase of £21,000,000 in the fixed dividend group and £254,000,000 in the variable dividend group.—*British Wireless.*

MEXICO AND CHURCH.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR
MESSAGE.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.
President Calles, in a New Year message, referring to his Government's church legislation, declared that he had a sane and sincere respect for all manifestations of religious belief. He denied that the Government desired to destroy any religious faith.

With regard to the General policy of the Mexican Government, President Calles emphasised that Mexico was not a disciple or upholder of any foreign exotic system of Government, but was determined to stand by "her inalienable rights of Nationalism."—*Reuter's American Service.*

HONGKONG'S NEW KNIGHT.



The Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., who has been made a Knight Bachelor in the New Year's honours list.

GIBRALTAR'S PLIGHT.

GRAVE UNEMPLOYMENT
PROBLEM.

Gibraltar, Jan. 2.
The unemployment problem which is giving rise to a difficult situation, is largely due to the fact that work at the dockyard is practically at a standstill, involving the discharge of workmen.

At a week-end meeting of leading residents and businessmen convened by H.E. the Governor to consider the question, emphasis was laid on the prevailing conditions of increasing population and decreasing revenue. The situation is aggravated by the departure of the Second Suffolks for Hongkong involving a considerable loss of local trade. A grain of comfort is afforded by the announcement that the greater part of the Atlantic Fleet will be based at Gibraltar from Jan. 29 till March 16 and the Mediterranean Fleet from March 4 to at least March 16.

Gibraltar possesses neither poor law nor the dole. Relief works have been instituted.—*Reuter.*

SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG.

MAY ADOPT ROYAL
STANDARD.

Bloemfontein, Jan. 1.
Colonel Creswell, the Minister of Defence, addressing the annual congress of the South African Labour Party, announced that Gen. Hertzog had authorised him to state that the Flag Bill will be proceeded with.

In addition to the suggestion of an Imperial Crown on the National Flag, the Government would consider the adoption of the Royal Standard. This would necessitate a cessation of party strife and the consent of the Opposition, as they could not ask His Majesty for permission to use the domestic symbol of the Royal House except as a united people.—*Reuter.*

OFFICIAL POSTS.

LATEST GOVERNMENT
CHANGES.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore to act as Principal Civil Medical Officer during the absence on leave of the Hon. Dr. J. B. Addison.

Mr. D. Davies to be Secretary to the Sanitary Board and Mr. J. Watson to be Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

Mr. M. J. Breen to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

Lieut. Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., to be Deputy Harbour Master.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz to be Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent.

THE NEW YEAR.

HOW HONGKONG SAW
IT IN.

Hongkong saw the New Year in to the accompaniment of much jollity, for in addition to numerous private parties there were carnival dances at the Hongkong Hotel, the Repulse Bay Hotel and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, as well as special dinner dances at the Hotel Savoy, the King Edward Hotel and the Kowloon Hotel, at all of which there were large crowds present. Many striking fancy costumes were seen. As the hour of midnight struck, the guests at these dances joined hands and brought in the New Year in time-honoured manner.

In the city and other parts of the Colony, there was much firing of crackers, whilst steamers in port sounded their sirens and rang their bells. New Year's Day was, of course, a public holiday, and amongst the functions held were the customary children's sports at the K. C. C. ground, the annual lawn bowls match on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's ground between teams representative of Scotland and England, and the usual Christmas tree and sports at the Police Recreation Club. The football match between the Chinese Athletic and South China teams also drew a huge crowd of spectators.

Large numbers of golfers went out to Fanling, whilst many residents took advantage of the beautiful weather to arrange picnics in the country.

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Rugby, Jan. 2.
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ALPINE DISASTER.

PARTY OF SKI-RUNNERS
OVERWHELMED.

Berne, Jan. 2.
Eight were killed out of a party of ten ski-runners, which was overwhelmed by an avalanche in the Arlberg district of the Austrian Alps.

The party comprised five Englishmen and two Englishwomen, two Germans, and a ski-instructor.

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New York, Jan. 1.
Despite the rain and widely advertised reports of poison in alcohol, New York hailed the new year with all the traditional revelry. It was stated that Prohibition Agents were ordered not to disturb cabarets and night clubs last night and they, and all the theatres and restaurants were packed. Prices advanced anything from 100 to 1,000 per cent. One night club was charging \$40 per cover excluding food and drink. Several theatres had mid-night performances to most enthusiastic audiences. Churches were thronged, but all the other demonstrations were overshadowed by the noisy celebrations on Broadway which were like a hailstorm of confetti, a thunderstorm of noise and a cyclone of movement.

AT WHITE HOUSE.

To mark the passing of the Old Year at Washington, Mrs. Coolidge, enlisted the aid of five Marines, a bugler and four trombonists, who were stationed on the roof of White House at the foot of the flagstaff with a spot light directed on them, and the flag flying overhead. The bugler at midnight sounded the "Reveille," after which the trombonists played Beethoven's Creation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HAIR AND IDIOCY.

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

At the first Malcolm Morris Memorial lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine, delivered by Professor H. J. Fleure, of the University of Wales, Sir James Crichton-Browne, who presided, mentioned an interesting conjoint investigation undertaken by him and Sir Malcolm Morris a number of years ago.

Accepting the then approved doctrine that the cerebro-spinal nervous system and the skin are both developed from the outer layer of the embryo, it occurred to them that any arrest of development in one might be accompanied by an arrest of development in the other. So they decided to inquire into skin conditions in the mentally defective.

They examined 554 congenital idiots, and found in them characteristic changes in the skin, hair, and nails. The departures from the normal were of various kinds, including external thinness and fineness of the skin, roughness, or fish-skin, as it is called, and special diseases.

In looking over his notes Sir James had found reported in a remarkable number of cases a growth of fine downy hair, beginning at the nape of the neck, and running down the back, between the scapulae, something in the nature of a mane.

Owing to the fusing of electric wires, an outbreak of fire occurred in the Kila house at the China Sugar Refinery at Causeway Bay at 9.45 last night. It was extinguished before any serious damage was caused. The Fire Brigade was called.

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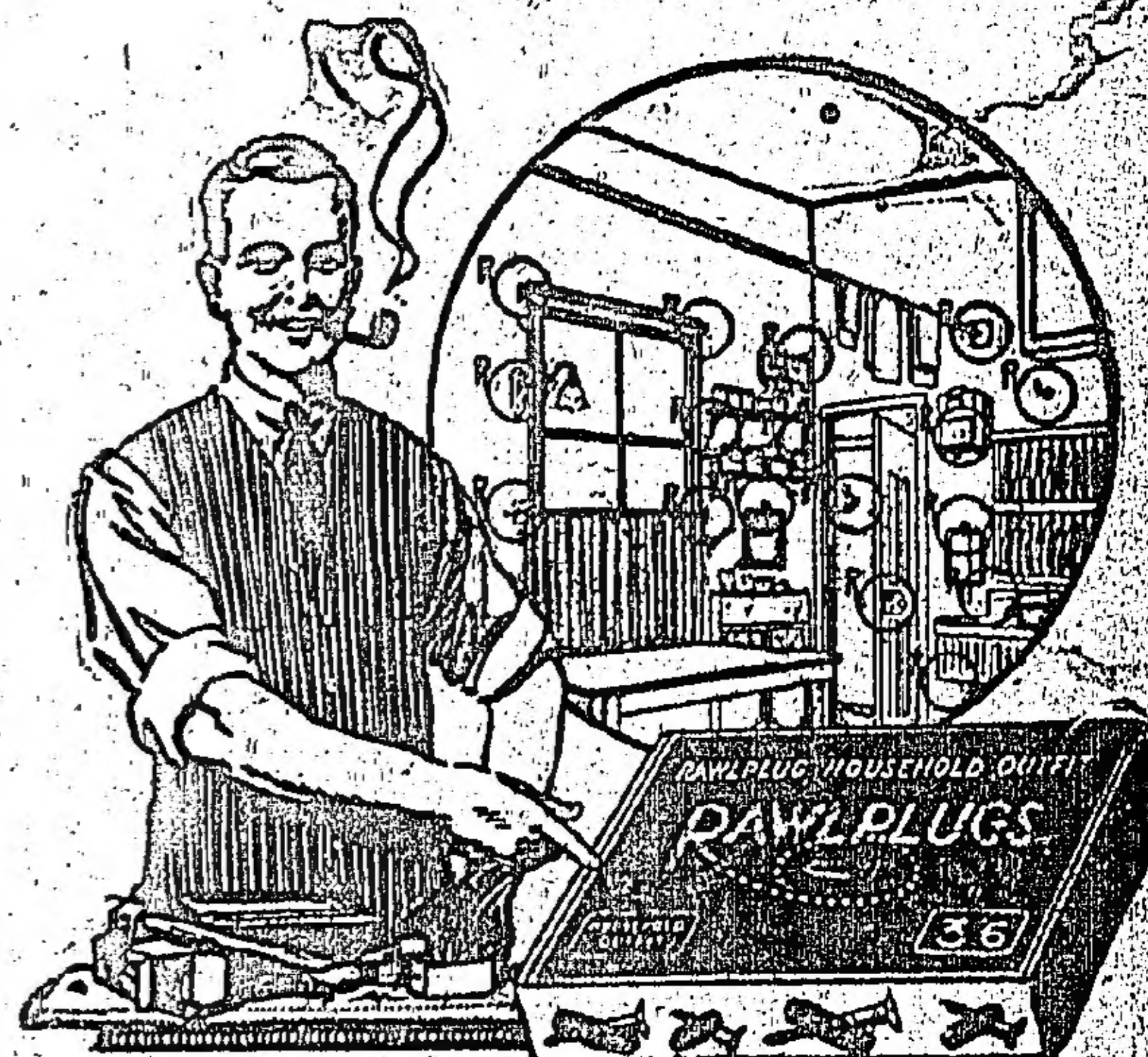
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CHILDREN'S DAY A BIG SUCCESS.

The twenty-fifth annual children's sports promoted by the Kowloon Cricket Club were held on the Club's ground on Saturday, when large numbers of children attended and were given an extremely jolly time. These annual sports are a popular feature with Kowloon children, who eagerly look forward to them as a means of celebrating the New Year. Saturday's events were carried out without a hitch, and this reflects great credit on the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. P. Robinson, who was in charge of the arrangements for the first time during his twenty-five years' membership with the Club. Credit is also due to his many willing helpers. During the afternoon selections were played by the 5th Battalion of the 2nd Punjab Regiment and were much appreciated. The officials, who spared no efforts to amuse the children, were as follows:

THE OFFICIALS.

Judges—Mr. W. Goldenberg, Capt. C. T. Wallington, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Mr. S. E. Green, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Messrs. E. Abraham, P. W. Ramsay, T. E. Lindsell, P. Tester and G. J. Tachell.

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Clerks of the Course—Capt. F. G. Boyle, Messrs. F. C. Goodwin, W. Hyde, R. Abraham, C. H. Atkins, J. A. How, D. S. Green, S. Jex, and N. H. Ross.

Entertainment—Messrs. F. Hamblin, F. Jenner, A. V. Smith, J. Hyde, A. C. S. Burford, J. Smith, E. D. Shank, E. Kern, T. E. Jones, and H. Gittins.

Miss B. Hirst, Miss F. Wallington, Mr. F. G. Hirst, Mr. A. Mackenzie, and Capt. G. H. Pennofather.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

Prizes were distributed to the winning competitors by Mrs. Lindsell, who was introduced by Mr. Ezra Abraham, Vice-President.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell (President) replied on behalf of Mrs. Lindsell, and expressed appreciation of the honour done to Mrs. Lindsell in asking her to give out the prizes. Speaking with regard to the sports he said this year, owing to hard times, they feared they would have to cut the entertainment down, but owing to generous subscriptions, especially one of \$200 from Mr. J. H. Taggart, they had been able to carry on as usual. He thanked those who had given their services, and added he hoped the children had had a really happy afternoon and would come again next year.

Miss Lyl, daughter of the cricket captain of the Club, presented Mrs. Lindsell with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The prize winners were as follows:

BOYS' EVENTS.

Potato Race (ages 10 to 12)—Arthur Smith 1; Cecil Jennings 2; Gerald Abraham 3.

Boat Race (under 12)—Alec Macfarlane 1; George Leo 2; Geoffrey Skelton 3.

Obstacle Race (10 to 14 years)—Leslie Marshall 1; James Smith 2; Winston Geldart 3.

Relay Race, teams of four (ages 10 to 14)—John Macabhin, George Lee, David Geldart, Sydney Christie.

Flat Race (ages 8 to 14)—Jack Linaker 1; Kenny Carroll 2; Edward Erith 3.

Sack Race (ages 8 to 14)—Sydney Christie 1; Ben Skelton 2; William Coys 3.

Tug of War (ages 10 to 14)—Winning team of eight—Oswald Butler, Alec Macfarlane, Winston Geldart, David Geldart, Charles Spradbery, Arthur Smith, Alastair Holland, Stanley Macindier.

Flat Race (ages 4 to 7)—Kenny Carroll 1; Edward Erith 2; Willie Macfarlane 3.

Three-Legged Race (ages 10 to 14)—Stanley Macindier and George White 1; Reggie Woolley and John McCubbin 2; Ian Stirling and Leslie Marshall 3.

Flat Race (ages 8 to 10)—Robert Stout 1; Billy Parker 2; Gerald Abraham 3.

Flat Race (ages 4 and under)—Billy Price 1; Dick Labrum 2; Francis Lay 3.

Whodbarrow Race (ages 9 to 14)—Ian Stirling and Jack MacAlnah 1; Francis Zimmerman and George White 2; Arthur Chester and Theodore Ingram 3.

Consolation Race (ages up to 14)—non prize winners—Desmond Roylance 1; Mark Sayer 2; George Roylance 3.

Band Race—Zammar Khan 1; Guruchan Singh 2; Beant Singh 3.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

Skipping Race (ages 14 and under)—Phyllis Gittins 1; Peggy McCaw 2; Daphne Hamblin 3.

Flat Race (ages 6 to 9)—Marie Clarke 1; Peggy McCaw 2; Ruth Ingram 3.

Skipping Competition (ages under 10)—Isa Lammert 1; Nan Docherty 2; Michael McCarr 3.

Flat Race (under 6 years)—Doris Ethel Banker 1; Bessie MacAlnah 2; Potato Race (ages 10 to 14)—Dorothy Raven 1; Phyllis Gittins 2; Peggy Everest 3.

Skipping Competition (ages 10 to 14)—Marion Bryson 1; Barbara Walker 2; Lily Dunn 3.

Flat Race (ages 14 and under)—Janet Broadbridge 1; Joan Jennings 2; Michael McCarr 3.

Musical Chairs (ages 6 to 14)—Ethel Banker 1; Bessie MacAlnah 2; Iris Erith 3.

Egg and Spoon Race (ages 14 and under)—Dorothy Raven 1; Winifred Raven 2; Peggy Hargreave 3.

Flat Race (ages 6 to 14)—Marie Clarke 1; Ruth Ingram 2; Violet Broadbury 3.

Flat Race (ages 4 and under)—Nancy Morrison 1; Jean Swing 2; Dorothy Moore 3.

Relay Race (teams of four—ages 9 to 14)—Joan Langley, Winifred Raven, Ethel Banker and Peggy Everest.

Consolation Race (age up to 14, non-prize winners)—Betty Penton 1; Nellie Docherty 2; Maisie Tilley 3.

Washington, Jan. 1.

President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge entertained the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. S. M. Bruce. The guests included Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State, and Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

POLICE CLUB PARTY.

A MERRY TIME AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The wish that the younger members of the Force would come forward and contribute more was expressed by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, at the annual Christmas party of the Police Recreation Club which was held at the Club's house at Happy Valley on Saturday. As usual the party was a great success, both young and old having a merry time.

Mrs. Wolfe was presented with a pretty bouquet, and speaking on her behalf, Mr. Wolfe said it was apparent that the senior members of the Force were to the fore, and he hoped that on future occasions the younger members would come forward.

RACE WINNERS.

The race results were as follows:—

Boys' Race (7 to 14 years)—1 Norman Reynolds, 2 Gordon Marks, 3 Douglas Taylor.

Girls' Race (7 to 14 years)—1 Mavis Glendinning, 2 Doris Hunt, 3 Flossie Wiltshire.

Boys' Race (under 7)—1 Leslie Reynolds, 2 Norman Clarke, 3 Charles Evans.

Girls' Race (under 7)—1 Betty Evans, 2 Paula Hollands, 3 Pearl Buchanan.

Ladies Egg and Spoon Race—1 Mrs. B. Taylor, 2 Mrs. E. Wiltshire, 100 yards (under 40)—1 W. Clarke, 2 A. Reynolds, 3 S. Carey.

Ladies Thread-and-Needle Race—1 Mrs. Hoare and Mr. Clarke, 2 Mrs. Evans and Mr. Carey.

Cocoon shies (ladies)—1 Miss Olive Gerrard, 2 Mrs. Hoare.

LAWN BOWLS.

Club Championship—1st Sub-Inspector Field, 2nd Insp. A. Clarke.

Pairs Handicap—1st Mr. Buchanan, Mr. A. K. Taylor, 2nd Insp. A. Clarke, Sgt. Fender.

Novices—1st Mr. Buchanan, 2nd Sgt. W. Clarke.

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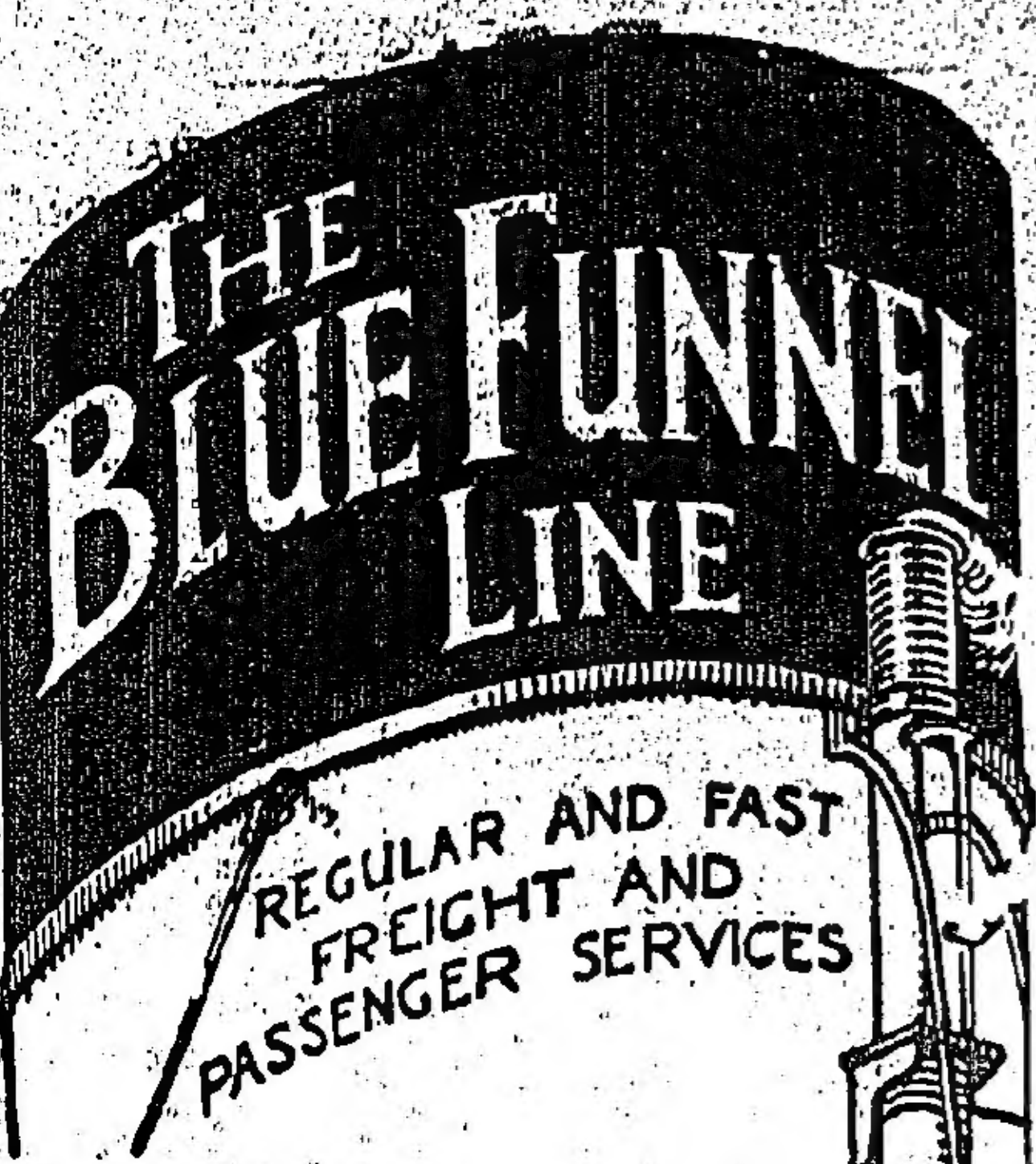
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FIVE MEN FREED.

SUNNING PIRACY CASE DEVELOPMENT.

Five defendants in the Sunning piracy case were discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court on Friday. Another defendant will be discharged to-day, leaving eleven men still facing the charges.

Ball Granted.

At the conclusion of the afternoon hearing Mr. Lo renewed his application for ball on behalf of the sixth defendant, the Aberdeen man. Mr. Lo said the man's business involved the making of gravestones and was suffering on account of his continued absence.

He was anxious that he should be available to face the charge and also be free to look after some of his business. Mr. Lo added that any number of Chinese detectives could watch the man while he was out on ball.

Mr. Holmes said he had no serious objection to make and Mr. Lindsell granted ball of \$5,000 cash and \$10,000 securities.

Mr. Lo: Can the ball be made any less?

Mr. Lindsell: I don't think the ball is exorbitant in the circumstances.

The remaining defendants were remanded until Tuesday morning.

THE MIXED COURT.

CHINESE JURISDICTION TO OPERATE.

Shanghai, Dec. 31. It is officially announced that the arrangements completed between the Chinese and foreign authorities for the rendition of the Mixed Court will be effective as from to-morrow.

Similar action, having due regard to the difference in status between the two courts, will be taken in respect of the French Mixed Court as from January 5.

It is understood that the seal of the Mixed Court will be handed over to-morrow morning when the Shanghai Provisional Chinese Court formally replaces the Mixed Court.—*Reuter*.

CHINA TELEGRAPHS.

CASH PAYMENTS TO BE MADE.

Shanghai, Dec. 31. Referring to the statement issued on the 25th December, the three foreign cable companies inform *Reuter* that arrangements have to-day been made whereby telegrams handed over by the Chinese administration to the companies for the present will be paid for in cash and telegrams withheld from five on the evening of the 28th are now being handed over by the companies for their destinations.—*Reuter*.

BRITAIN'S REVENUE.

\$20,000,000 LESS IN NINE MONTHS.

London, Dec. 31. The Treasury's revenue returns for the United Kingdom for the nine months to December 31, show revenue at £479,020,563, compared with £499,673,926 during the corresponding period of 1925, indicating a decrease of £20,653,363.

The total expenditure chargeable against this revenue was £225,450,609, showing a deficit of £146,430,046 when set against revenue.—*Reuter*.

COUNTESS DIES IN ATTIC.

BEAUTY WHO CHARMED TWO CAPITALS.

The Countess Rose zu Sternau and Hohenau, who was known as the Hungarian Pompadour, and who 20 years ago had courtiers, politicians, and financiers at her feet, has died in great poverty.

She was the daughter of a small tradesman in a Hungarian town, and became a shopgirl in Budapest, where her beauty attracted the notice of a rich financier, who provided generously for her. She was, however, lured away from her lover by a Hungarian politician who had himself fallen in love with her, and she was soon immersed in a sea of political intrigue.

Her beauty, charm of manner, and wit fitted her to be a political agent, and in that role she appeared in Vienna. There she had great success. Her hats, with flourishing ostrich feathers, became the talk of the town. She was always seen at the races and she gave herself the luxury of a racing stable, choosing rose and white as her racing colours.

Accused As A Spy.

Marriage with the impoverished Baron Schonberg gave her a title and regularised her position. Her brilliant career was brought to an end by the publication of an article, under the title "L'Accuse," by a Budapest newspaper in 1906, which declared that two Ministers had sent her to Vienna to intrigue against Colonel Stephen Piszta, the former Premier.

The position of the baroness became as impossible in Budapest as it was in Vienna, where she was said to be acting as a spy for the Hungarian Government.

She settled in Berlin and married Count Wenzel zu Sternau and Hohenau, who was more interested in theosophy than in money. He died some years ago, and in spite of plucky attempts to retain her position the countess fell on hard times.

She was a frequenter of Berlin gaming clubs, but few people knew that the elderly woman who eagerly watched the fall of the cards had once dazzled three capitals with her beauty. She died in an attic without a friend.

FOXES ON SHOW.

SILVER-COATED ANIMALS WORTH \$300 A PAIR.

With 70 foxes benched and 70 pairs of fox eyes casting slanting glances on a host of curious visitors, the first exhibition of silver foxes held in this country was opened at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, S.E., last month.

The exhibition is being held in conjunction with the Grand International Show of Poultry and Pigeons, and lasts until to-morrow evening. As foxes and birds are under one roof, the latter have been specially insured against any escape of their traditional enemies. There were 12,500 birds, valued at anything up to £100 apiece, to be protected.

The coats of these foxes were really beautiful and greatly admired by the women. An expert told a *Daily Mail* reporter that the highest price realised last year for a raw skin was £100. This means something about £200 for the made-up fur, but average price for a good raw skin is about £40.

Six-years-Old Industry.

The silver fox farming industry is now firmly established in this country, particularly in Scotland. It is only six years since the first foxes were landed in Great Britain. They are a Canadian mammal, and the first commercial enterprise with them originated on Prince Edward Island.

In the boom years from 1907 to 1914 the best skins brought from £300 to £520 apiece, while a pair of live foxes averaged about £2,000, and a pair of proven breeders up to £5,000.

To-day proven breeders are very rarely sold, but a pair of first-year cubs costs from £200 to £300, and in some cases more.

27 In A Van. The first silver foxes brought to this country went to a farm in Ross-shire in 1920, and most of the Crystal Palace exhibits are from Scotland.

One consignment alone numbered 27 in one van, and judging by descriptions of what the van smelt like they must have trailed enough essence of "vulp" on their journey south to draw all the foxhounds in the Shires.

Interest in these foxes overshadows that of the vast array of birds, although one pair of pigmy pouter pigeons have travelled 7,500 miles to the show from the Federated Malay States.

EARL'S DEBTS.

BANKRUPTCY COURT STORY OF SPECULATIONS.

A peer's speculations in cotton futures were referred to in the London Bankruptcy Court recently.

The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery attended for public examination on accounts, showing total liabilities of £404,867 [of which £38,382 were "unsecured"] and assets estimated to produce £18,800.

Lord Pembroke said that in January 1926 he resigned from the Army with the rank of lieutenant-colonel and a pension of about £250 a year.

Under the will of his father and certain deeds of grant and letters patent dating from about the year 1644 he had become entitled to the income of settled estates in Wiltshire and Ireland amounting annually to about £58,000.

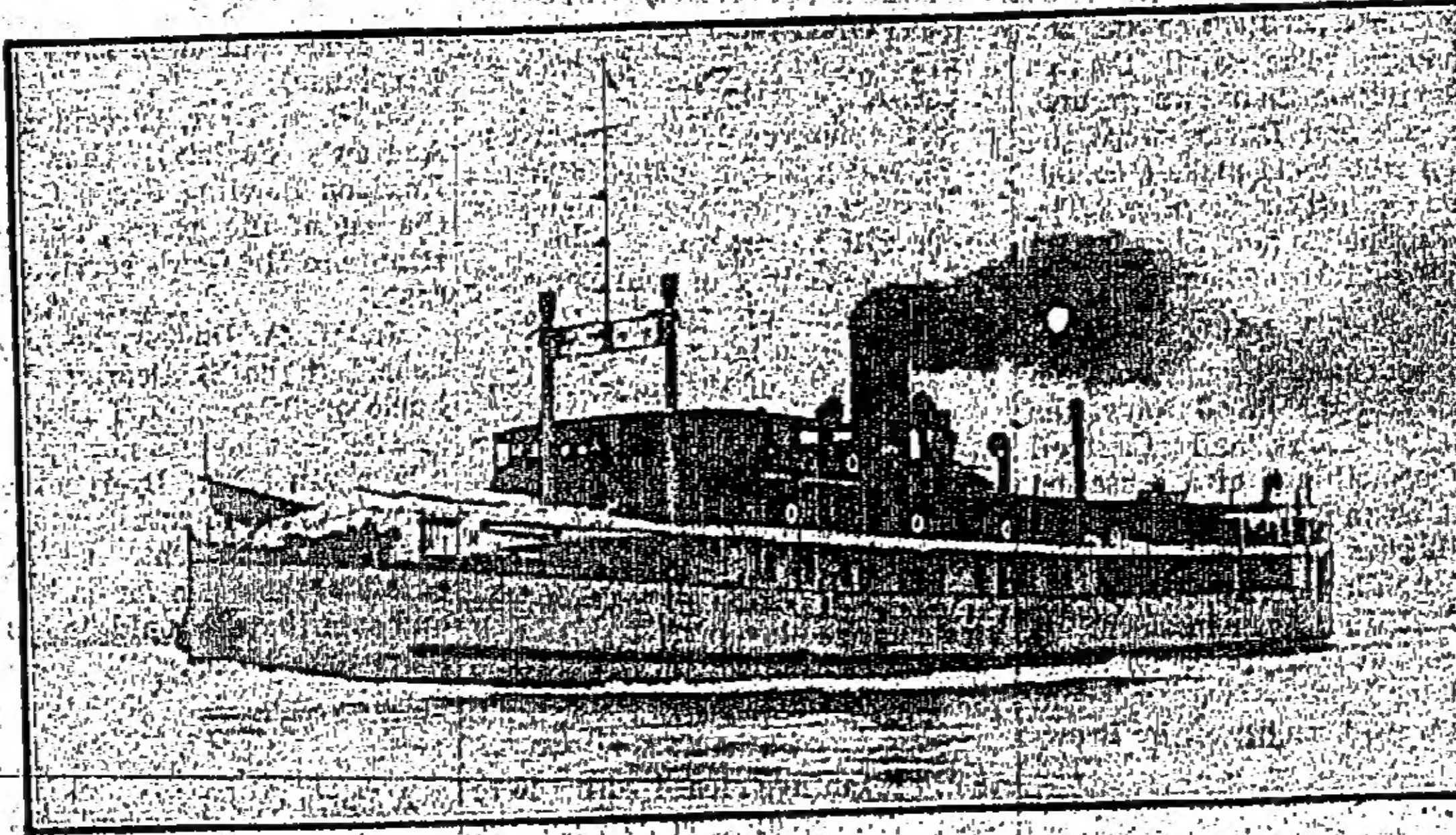
The present gross income was £64,798, but establishment charges, premiums on life policies, jointure portions "and things of that sort," had to be paid before he received anything. There was a surplus income of £3,543 after he had executed certain charges.

2200,000 Losses. In 1919 he and a Mr. B. F. D. Fitzgibbon (who had since become bankrupt), began to speculate in cotton futures as partners. The deals resulted in a heavy loss and the partnership was dissolved in June 1921.

He had no knowledge of the cotton markets, and had left the management of the transactions entirely to Fitzgibbon, who had no means to contribute his share of the losses. The earl had to bear all, and he estimated that he lost altogether about £200,000.

In March 1924 he bought for £200,000 shares in a Canadian gold mining company, which had proved unsuccessful, and the shares were now of no value.

To finance these speculations and to pay arrears of super-tax for 1924 he borrowed £340,720 between 1919 and 1924 on the security of his life interest and assurance policies. The examination was adjourned.



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| KALWA | 10,941 | 8 Jan. noon. | Marseilles & London |
| KALYAN | 9,144 | 22nd Jan. | M'los, L'don A'worp & Hull |
| DEVANHA | 8,155 | 28th Jan. | S'pore, P'ang C'ho & B'bay |
| MOREA | 10,918 | 5th Feb. | Marseilles & London |
| DELTA | 8,097 | 18th Feb. | S'pore, P'ang C'ho & B'bay |
| KASHMIR | 9,005 | 19th Feb. | Marseilles London A'worp & Hull |

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| TAKADA | 6,949 | 21st Jan. | S'pore, Penang & Calcutta |
| TILAWA | 10,000 | 1st Feb. | S'pore, Penang C'ho & C'ta |

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

| | | | |
|------------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|
| ARAFURA | 6,000 | 28th Jan. | Manila, Sandakan, Thure. |
| TANDA | 6,956 | 4th March. | Island, Townsville, B'bano. |
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| TAKADA | 6,949 | 3 Jan. 6 a.m. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka |
| ARAFURA | 6,000 | 4 Jan. noon. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| MOREA | 10,918 | 7th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| DEVANHA | 8,155 | 7th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |
| TILAWA | 10,000 | 12th Jan. | Shanghai & Kobe |
| NAGPORE | 5,283 | 19th Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama |

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| GLENOGLE | 20th January. | L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran. | |
| GLENAMOY | 6th February. | GLENIFFER | 23rd February |
| GLENARRY | 17th February. | L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran. | |
| GLENAPP | 3rd March. | GLENOGLE | 9th March. |
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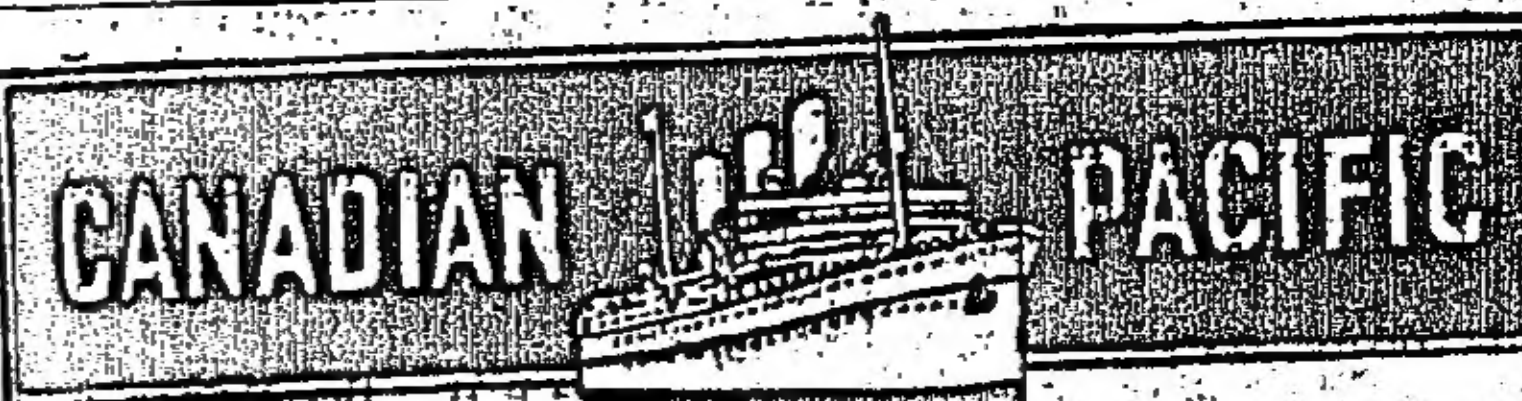
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| EMPEROR OF RUSSIA | Apr. 20 | Apr. 23 | Apr. 26 | Apr. 29 | May 8 |
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The travellers were welcomed by Air Vice-Marshal Webb Bowen, Major Woods Humphrey (General Manager of the Imperial Airways) and the Governor of Alexandria.

Sir Samuel Hoare spoke enthusiastically of the flight. He said that due to the excellence of the machine and to the thoroughness of the organisation, the time table had been maintained exactly.

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The machine had amply proved its worth under the most difficult climatic tests—through snow in France, sea fog between Sicily and Malta, and intense heat on the eastern Mediterranean shores.

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These services are primarily intended for wireless telephony, but they are also to be tested for the purpose of seeing whether they can be used effectively and economically for telephonic communication. Already it is understood that wireless conversations have been held between the Post Office authorities here and in Canada through the medium of the Canadian beam station opened for wireless telegraphic purposes last October.

Similar conversations will take place with Australia and South Africa when the services are opened in the near future.

—British Wireless.

WAR DEBTS.

A BRITISH-PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT.

Rugby, Jan. 1.

It is officially announced that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Winston Churchill, and General-Sir de Cordes, the Portuguese Minister of Finance, have signed in London an agreement for the funding of the war debt of Portugal to Great Britain.

The agreement provides for the payment by Portugal of sixty-two annuities, namely £125,000 for 1926, £250,000 for 1927, £300,000 for 1928, and £350,000 for each of the years 1929 to 1938, £400,000 for each of the years 1939 to 1947, and £200,000 for the year 1948.

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sociated with the public life of the
Colony, having served with dis-
tinction on the Legislative Council
since October 4th, 1923. He was
educated at Queen's College and
the Diocesan Boys' School, and
in 1896 he entered Government
service after winning first place
in a competitive examination.
Amongst the posts which he held
were those of chief clerk in the
Colonial Secretary's office and
First Clerk in the Magistracy.
He resigned in 1915 and then went
into business under the name of
Messrs. R. H. Kotewall and Co.
He was appointed a Justice of the
Peace in 1918 and for many years
he has served the Chinese com-
munity in innumerable directions,
being a member of the Tung Wah
Hospital Advisory Board, the Po
Leung Kuk Board of Permanent
Directors, the District Watchmen
Committee, the Chinese Public
Dispensaries Committee and the
Court and Council of the Hong-
kong University. He is also a
University honorary examiner in
Chinese, past President of Uni-
versity Football Club, and a Patron
of the Roving Troop of Boy
Scouts.

Despite his business calls, Mr.
Kotewall has taken the keenest in-
terest in all matters pertaining to
the well-being of the Chinese com-
munity, particularly in vernacular
education, and is the author of
two books as well as two Chinese
plays, one of which was perform-
ed before H.R.H. the Prince of
Wales on his visit to the Colony.
He was made an Honorary LL.D.
of Hongkong University in Janu-
ary of last year. During the
strike and boycott, Mr. Kotewall
rendered much assistance to the
Government in various ways, and
his valued advice has always been
available to the authorities. His
honour has been well earned, and
we join with his numerous friends
and well-wishers in complimenting
him on the recognition of His Ma-
jesty's favour which he has now
secured.

HONOURS. LIST.

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Knight Grand Cross of
the Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George.—Viscount Barnham,
proprietor of the Daily Telegraph,
and President of the Empire Press
Union; and Sir Lawrence Nappa
Guillemaud, Governor of the
Straits Settlements.

Companion of the Order of St.
Michael and St. George.—Hon.
Dr. R. H. Kotewall, of Hongkong.
Honorary G.C.M.G.—King Feisal
of Iraq.

Knight Commander of the Order
of Saint Michael and Saint
George.—Viscount Chilton, Minis-
ter at Vienna; Robert Clive, Min-
ister at Teheran; Miles Lampson,
Minister at Peking; Charles Es-
bert Montgomery, Assistant Un-
der-Secretary of State for Foreign
Office; Professor Mitchell, Vice-
Chancellor of Adelaide Univer-
sity; and Charles Skerrett, Chief
Justice of New Zealand.

Knight Commander of the Order
of the Indian Empire.—Wil-
liam Fell Barton, Resident at Hy-
derabad.

Knight Grand Cross of the
Royal Victorian Order.—The Earl
of Cromer.

Knight Commander of the
Royal Victorian Order.—The Earl
of Denbigh; Sir Arthur Cope,
Royal Academician; Brigadier
General Gascoigne; Captain Er-
nest Towse, blind holder of the
Victoria Cross, who is Chair-
man of the National Institute for
Blind.

Dame Commander of the Order
of the British Empire.—The Dow-
ager Countess of Jersey.

The Reverend Hugh Sheppard,
who recently retired from the
vicariate of St. Martins-in-Fields,
London, where he did great social
service, is appointed a Member of
the Order of Companions of
Honour.—British Wireless.

P. & O. MEETING.

LORD INCHCAPE'S
SPEECH.

LOSSES IN CHINA.

In the course of his speech at
the eighty-sixth annual meeting of
the Peninsular and Oriental Steam
Navigation Company, on Decem-
ber 8th, Lord Inchcape, after re-
viewing the accounts, stated that
they could insure their outstand-
ing risks to-day for a much lesser
sum than that standing to the
credit of the insurance fund. The
Board had under consideration the
question of treating this fund as
a reserve.

A year hence he might have
more to say on the subject. For
supplies, maintenance and repairs
they were paying 75 per cent. more
than before the war. The bills
were staggering, and unless prices
came down passage rates, much to
his regret, would have to go up.

MISSIONARIES BLAMED.

Many of their voyages had been
disastrously short of cargo and
conditions in China had resulted
in serious loss of traffic. He be-
lieved that the antagonism to the
British in China was largely due
to our sending missionaries to that
country. Missionary efforts
among uncivilised peoples were
doubtless fully justified but
China's ancient faith was as
sacred to Chinese as Christianity
to ourselves.

Their passenger traffic contin-
ued to expand in a remarkable de-
gree. They got an occasional
growl, but he welcomed the sug-
gestions for an improvement. Re-
cently he had received a vehement
and amusing expostulation against
mixed bathing in steamers.

A statement in their accounts
showed that the P. and O. Steam
Navigation Company if broken up
to-morrow would be able to dis-
charge all its obligations and give

NEW C. M. G.



The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kote-
wall, who has received the
C.M.G. decoration in the
New Year's honours list.

the deferred stockholders more
than to-day's market value of their
holdings, but the P. and O. Steam
Navigation Company was a
national institution, and would
grow in the conviction that good
times would come again.

STRIKE LOSSES.

The general strike had involved
the Company in serious loss.

The coal strike had cost the
Company over £200,000. Coal
prices had risen and inferior
quality of foreign coal had greatly
increased the consumption. Nine
of their steamers were oil-burners
and they proposed to convert the
"Narkunda" and the "Naldora" to
burn oil. While the liners had
suffered, the tramp steamers had
benefited by "carrying coal to New
castle." Forty-nine tramp steamers
owned by the P. and O. Steam Na-
vigation Company were under these
unnatural conditions and foremost
paying the way.

TRADE UNION ANOMALIES.

The men, women and children
affected by the coal strike had
suffered much hardship through
Mr. Cook, whose disregard for
economic laws had damaged the
trade of the country which would
take months if not years to re-
cover.

The extremists had done as
much material damage as could
have been wrought by an enemy
invader.

It was, his Lordship continued,
high time that the trade unionists
should be protected against the
tyranny with which their move-
ment was infested. He promised
that the Government measure
should be welcomed by the union-
ists, and non-unionists alike.
There should be an end to picket-

ing. Trade union benefit funds
should be separately and indepen-
dently audited, and members
should be exempt from the polit-
ical levy, unless they contracted
for it. A secret ballot of each
union should be instituted and not
less than a three-fifths vote ought
to be effective, either to call or
to continue a strike.

He was glad at Mr. Baldwin's
decision to withdraw the proposal
of a compulsory tribunal which
would have caused further coal
trouble.

During the year under review
the shipping industry itself had
been run free of strikes. J. Have-
lock Wilson's campaign in favour
of industrial peace and concilla-
tion if it was expanded might
prove the country's economic sal-
vation.

CRITICISM OF FAST LINER
SCHEME.

A few half-brained and misguid-
ed beings were out to destroy the
fabric of society and they would
fall in the homeland. With a
population of 40,000,000 everyone
was free under the Crown to rise
to any position. Not a fraction
of the people were disloyal to the
Throne.

It was prophesied that the P.
and O. Steam Navigation Company
would be badly hit by aeroplanes
and airships.

He believed that even if the
Imperial Airways became a com-
mercial proposition the P. and O.
Company would hold its own.
Regarding the proposal to form a
company with a capital of eleven
millions to run 22 knot ships to
India, Ceylon and Australia he
considered that the promoter had
better put his money into war loan
which would give him £550,000
yearly.

His shareholders would never
get as much out of the proposed
venture, as the Peninsula and
Oriental Steam Navigation Com-
pany with 400 ships and a capital
of less than seven millions found
it difficult to provide half a million
yearly to pay its dividend.

If the P. and O. Steam Navi-
gation had seen its way to cover
expenses they would have gone in
for a 22 knot service long ago.

THE DE LUXE TRAINS.

Recently the Board had
arranged with the Great Indian
Peninsula and East Indian Rail-
way Companies to construct two
de luxe trains to run each way
between Bombay and Calcutta in
conjunction with the P. and O.
Steamers.

They had had 483 steamers in
commission during the year.
These ships had traversed 17 mil-
lion miles on the ocean, made
33,000 port entries, carried 15
million tons of cargo, 850,000
animals and over 2½ million pas-
sengers. The average daily num-
ber in the ships of the company
was 40,000 and their daily expendi-
ture on wages and victualling of
the crews was £15,000.

It was difficult to estimate the
number of outside men to whom
also these ships gave employment.

Three hundred thousand sterling
was invested in the Company's
profit-sharing scheme during the
year on which an interest of 7½
per cent. had been charged in the
accounts. The scheme provided a
simple way of interesting em-
ployees in the success of the Com-
pany.

He would conclude with a per-
sonal word. Thinking of the
numerous organisations which it
fell to his lot to direct and the
leisure and recreation he managed
to secure he realised how much
he was indebted to his capable,
upright, loyal and affectionate
conductors.

Whether at home or abroad he
was kept informed almost from
hour to hour of all that took place.
As Nelson said of his captains at
the battle of the Nile he and his
conductors worked together as a
band of brothers.

To all associated with him at
home and abroad he expressed his
grateful thanks. Before many
years he supposed he would have
to give up work which he dearly
loved. His one ambition was
when that time came to leave
every business of which he was
the responsible head, including the
old P. and O. Company in a sound
financial condition.

The appointment is officially an-
nounced of Major Charles William
James Orr, C.M.G., Colonial Sec-
retary of Gibraltar, to be Governor
and Commander-in-Chief of the
Bahamas in succession to Major
Sir H. Cordeaux, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
whose term of office will shortly
expire.

Entertainments.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMAS

CONFESSIONS
OF A QUEEN

WITH

ALICE TERRY & LEWIS STONE

QUEEN'S

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

in

THE KID
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THE FAST SET

WITH

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ELLIOTT DEXTER,
AZUZ PITTS

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| Australia and Manila | Arafura | January 3. |
| Shanghai | Suiyang | January 3. |
| U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai | Pres. Adams | January 3. |
| Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers London, 2nd Dec.) | Hong Peng | January 4. |
| Shanghai | Amazona | January 4. |
| U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- hai | Pres. Cleveland | January 4. |
| India and Shanghai | Malwa | January 7. |

OUTWARD MAILS.

| For | Per | Date |
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| Japan | Arafura | Tues., Jan. 4, 10.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Halong | Tues., Jan. 4, Noon. |
| Straits | Indus Maru | Tues., Jan. 4, 1.30 p.m. |
| Saloon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles | Amazona | Tues., Jan. 4. Registration .1.45 p.m. Letters .2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 4th Feb., 1927). |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques and Bombay | Nyanza | Wed., Jan. 5, 10.30 a.m. |
| Bangkok | Kweiyang | Wed., Jan. 5, 5 p.m. |
| Amoy | Suiyang | Wed., Jan. 5, 5 p.m. |
| Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., G. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) | Emp. of Asia | Thurs., Jan. 6. Registration .8.15 a.m. Letters .10.10 a.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C. 24th January). |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Halong | Fri., Jan. 7, 4 p.m. |
| Shanghai | Luchow | Fri., Jan. 7, 5 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles | Malwa | Sat., Jan. 8. Registration .8.45 a.m. Letters .10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 4th February). |
| Shanghai | Szechuan | Sat., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m. |
| Weihaiwei | Kueichow | Sat., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m. |
| Swatow | Hinsang | Mon., Jan. 10, 12.30 p.m. |
| Sandakan | Pookang | Mon., Jan. 10, 5 p.m. |
| Japan | Halong | Tues., Jan. 11, Noon. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Halong | Tues., Jan. 11, Noon. |

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